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Up, up and away for Gould Class of 2004



The 58 members of the Gould Academy Class of 2004 celebrate at the conclusion of Saturday's commencement. The breezy conditions forced them to hang on to their mortarboards throughout the ceremony, but at the end, the grads gladly cast them to the wind. (Photo by John Nesbitt)

Sun shines on Gould's 168th Commencement

By JOHN NESBITT

Gould Academy presented diplomas to 58 seniors at its 168th commencement exercises Saturday.

After a week of rain, the skies cleared in time for the ceremony to be held outdoors on the athletic field adjacent to Ordway Hall. Several hundred family and friends of the graduates were in attendance.

Bagpiper Gayle Torla led

the traditional processional of faculty and graduating seniors, and the Rev. Virginia S. Rickeman of the West Parish Congregational Church gave the invocation.

Deborah F. Hammond '61, President of the Gould Academy Board of Trustees, introduced the keynote speaker, Federal Judge and Lecturer in Law William G. Young.

Young, whose nephew,

Charlie Edwards, is a member of the Class of 2004, received both his undergraduate and law degree at Harvard University and Harvard Law School respectively.

Young is currently a Chief Federal Judge in the U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts.

Student speakers, awards

Gabe Ohlson was chosen

by his classmates to present

the senior student address.

Valedictorian Quinn P. McAllister of Bethel, also addressed the class.

Head of School Daniel Kunkle then announced the presentation of honors to members of the graduating class.

Whitney Stowell received the Headmaster's Bowl,

presented annually to the senior who has exhibited the highest standards of

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Telstar to graduate 52 on Friday evening

By ALISON ALOISIO

Telstar Regional High School's Class of 2004 will graduate Friday evening, in ceremonies scheduled for 7 p.m. at the school.

Fifty-two seniors will receive their diplomas from principal Shawn Lambert.

Graduation week activities began Tuesday, with Senior Awards and Scholarship Night.

On Wednesday the class was scheduled to travel to The Balsams Hotel for Senior Class Day and Banquet.

Tonight (Thursday) class members, family and friends will gather for "A

Coming Together" celebration.

Friday night's Commencement will begin at 7 p.m. with "Pomp and Circumstance" to be played by the Telstar High School Band.

Lambert will open the ceremony, followed by the National Anthem, led by Angela Hooper. The welcome will be given by teacher Douglas Bennett.

Third honors senior Lindsey Farrington, salutatorian Santana Wilson and valedictorian Megan Kelly will then address those gathered.

"Reflections" will be offered by Krystle Gould, followed by the choral selection

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Playoffs begin today

The Telstar High School softball and baseball teams will both host Class C playoff games this afternoon (Thursday).

The softball Rebels are the Mountain Valley Conference champions and own a 15-0 record. They earned the conference title Saturday by defeating Jay 5-2 in a game at St. Joseph's College. Telstar, seeded #1 in Western Class C, will play #8 Lisbon.

The #3-seeded baseball Rebels, 10-4, will face the winner of a matchup between Boothbay-Hall-Dale.

And the bride wore fleece

Bethel couple tie the knot on chilly Umbagog Island

By WENDY ISEMAN

When Terrie Anne Guay, program director of operations at Maine Handicapped Skiing and Dwayne Bennett, owner of Bennett's Automotive, put together their wedding plans they envisioned a warm, spring day at Lake Umbagog, N.H., for their nuptials.

On Saturday, May 29, they got much more than they bargained for. More than 70

guests, many from Montreal and Pennsylvania, arrived at Paradise Point Cottage and Boat Dock Rentals at the southern tip of Lake Umbagog — only to learn that no kayak or canoe rentals would be permitted to leave from Paradise Point thanks to the chilly, brisk winds and very choppy waters on the lake.

Many of the guests had brought their own kayaks,

See WEDDING page 28



SYLVAN VOWS — The Rev. Gwyneth Bohr of Bethel officiates as Terri Anne Guay and Dwayne Bennett exchange vows.

Bethel Water District Customers PUBLIC NOTIFICATION FLUORIDATION RESUMING

The fluoridation in your community drinking water will start up again on June 1, 2004, at 8:00 a.m.

Those who are using fluoride treatment should contact their dentist or healthcare provider.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to:

Bethel Water District at (207) 824-2342 or to the State of Maine Drinking Water Program at (207) 287-2070 or TDD (207) 287-2070 during normal business hours.

Lucien G. Roberge, Superintendent

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Letters

INVITATION TO COMMENCEMENT

To the Editor:

On Friday, June 4, Telstar Regional High School commencement exercises will take place on the lower field of the Telstar athletic complex to recognize this year's graduating class. All members of our community are invited to join us for this special evening as we celebrate the culmination of the many successes and achievements of the Class of 2004. Graduation exercises will begin promptly at 7 p.m. A reception honoring the graduates will follow.

David W. Murphy, Ed.D.

Superintendent, SAD44

STAN HOWE: WHY I'M RUNNING

To the Editor:

When I was first elected to the Board of Selectmen to fill out an unexpired term in 1975, I did not realize that this would begin a period of nearly thirty years of service in one public capacity or another to the Town of Bethel. I left the Board of Selectmen in 1983 to go on the SAD44 Board of Directors for two terms, then from there to the Bethel Planning Board and later to the Board of Assessors. In the process, I have learned much about the town and the community and continue to do so. As I have also spent a good deal of this time studying the history of Bethel in my professional capacity, I believe I can offer a unique perspective on how the town is governed and what can be done to preserve its sense of place and historic character while determining the directions that can be taken to ensure growth and prosperity in the 21st century.

As a historian, I have spent my lifetime studying change and the response to these transitions. One observation that can be made is there is no standing still in this world. Nature's motto is "onward" and all of us must be prepared to change and adapt to new conditions and ideas while retaining certain fundamental principles such as mutual respect, concern for others and adherence to the laws of the land.

Selectmen must look to the future, the long-term, while providing wise and prudent local government in the present. Citizens have a right to expect the highest standards of conduct. In addition, with limited resources, it is important that every municipal dollar be spent effectively and expenses be carefully monitored.

If elected, I pledge to do all I can to be fiscally responsible while keeping an eye on the town's future needs. Bethel is a great place to live, and we must do all we can to keep it that way while working to make it even better for future generations.

With all of the above in mind, I ask the voters of Bethel for their support on June 8.

Stan Howe
Bethel

WHY I'M RUNNING NOW

To the Editor:

I would like to take a moment to respond to a question I have been asked numerous times since stating my intentions to seek election as a Bethel selectman, "why?"

"Why" for me is a simple question; for the past 15 years I sought to serve the citizens of Bethel as a police officer. Beginning in 1989 as a patrol officer, then as the first patrol sergeant ever appointed within the Bethel Police Department and finally as the youngest Chief of Police in Oxford County. I held these positions proudly, never forgetting who I worked for, the taxpayers.

However, I must be frank, certain people have made the statement that they feel that my personal agenda in running for selectman is a vendetta against Scott Cole — this could not be further from the truth.

Mr. Cole is the Town Manager and will be until such time as his contract expires. He has a job to do and I would expect him to complete his tasks and conduct himself in a manner consistent with his position, just as I would any employee of the town of Bethel, no more, no less. My agenda as a selectman will be no different than when I was a police officer, the welfare of the town and its citizens, I cannot make it any more simple than that.

What prompted me to seek election is that during the past few years I have begun to see what appears to be a trend with certain officials in town government losing touch with the citizens and failing to insure that the decisions made were in the best interest of the town and townspeople.

Unfortunately, as a town employee I was legally prohibited from seeking a position within town government, but now I have found myself in the position to again serve the citizens as a selectman.

My grandmother once said, "If you don't help in the kitchen, don't whine about the cooking." I do not feel content to sit in my kitchen complaining about how the Town of Bethel is run without doing my part. That in a nutshell is my reasoning for seeking a seat on the Board.

I ask for your support in helping reach that goal. I feel that I can bring to the Bethel Selectboard a new voice and a fresh outlook on what is the best interests for the future of the town of Bethel and its citizens.

Darren M. Tripp
Bethel

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Selectmen candidates answer economic development questions

The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has posed four questions to this year's candidates for the two open seats on the

Selectmen. Printed below are the questions and the replies of the six candidates who responded.

Questions

1. What is your vision for the Town of Bethel in terms of its economic growth during the next 10 years?
2. Given the emphasis on economic development as a planning issue in the Town's Comprehensive Plan, what should the Town of Bethel be doing to promote economic development? For example, the Comprehensive Plan called for an assessment of the need and location options for a business park. How do you feel about the Bethel community undertaking such an assessment?
3. What steps would you, as a selectman, support in an effort to promote economic development? For example, is it practical to reduce or modify the Sewer System Direct Charge (SSDC) as an incentive to attract new business? Would you support the Town pursuing funding for improvements to the airport as presented in the Airport Master Plan? Would you support considering Tax Increment Financing, if appropriate, to encourage business development and expansion?
4. If elected (re-elected) as a selectman, what opportunities for working with the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce do you foresee for promoting regional economic development? For example, would you be willing to participate in planning sessions involving both business leaders and municipal officials that address regional economic development?

Replies

Dennis Doyon:

Thank you for allowing the candidates to express their ideas to the Bethel community. This forum will help voters of Bethel decide who they want to represent their town in the coming years. The following answers are in response to the questions submitted to the candidates running for selectmen.

In the next 10 years I see continued growth in the tourism and natural resource industries. It is important that businesses, property owners and municipal officials develop relationships that will both grow and enhance Bethel's offerings. During the next decade the construction industry will outpace any other type of industry that might locate in the Bethel area. Second-home construction will have a tremendous benefit to the Bethel area through increased tax revenue with little impact on municipal and educational services.

A committee that represents all interests of the Bethel community should be formed and charged with developing a plan for economic expansion. I believe this committee should not only look at what type of industry might be interested in locating to Bethel but what educational structure should be implemented to ensure the workforce a potential employer would require is available. Bethel has a huge potential to attract a retirement type of facility that also offers healthcare for those

Stanley R. Howe:

My vision of the town is that primary and secondary residences will continue to proliferate and be a major part of the town's tax base (currently nearly 70 percent). With careful work by the Planning Board and municipal officers, we can continue to grow, but keep our strong sense of place and historical character. At present, we have two likely locations where businesses might be expanded or promoted, the area adjacent to the airport and at Bethel Station.

In order to broaden our tax base, we need to forge partnerships among business people, municipal officials, developers and Chamber of Commerce members to create a new vehicle for economic growth or to reactivate already existing organizations.

Darren M. Tripp:

I feel the Town of Bethel needs to direct its attention to future economic growth in a two-prong approach.

First, regardless of one's personal feelings the Town of Bethel and the surrounding areas have come to rely on the tourist trade in our everyday lives. We as a community need to place more emphasis in becoming a "four-season attraction" to the tourist community. Winter sports will no doubt continue to dominate our landscape, but I feel that we should not rely on one single season that is too often controlled by the amount of snow that falls. We already have the natural resources in place to be that four-season area. Our proximity to the White Mountains and the Appalachian Trail for hiking and camping, numerous lakes and ponds within a 15-minute ride of Bethel for water sports, boating, swimming and fishing, miles of brooks and streams and what I feel is our most important asset in any plans for a four-season area, The Androscoggin River. As I said, the resources are here; we need to insure that others know of them. With the upgrades of the US Route 2 corridor, I see the possibilities of a noticeable increase in tourist traffic traveling through Bethel. We need to insure that we provide these people a reason to stop and visit us year round.

Secondly, we need to make our town more attractive to businesses outside the tourist trade. We need to determine what makes industry choose one town over another and see what steps we can take to be the town that industry chooses. Not only will these businesses contribute to the tax base but also provide jobs in our community.

I feel that we should be laying the basic groundwork for such an assessment but only after insuring that the need for a business park exists. I would not support spending tax dollars on a lengthy study unless the need for such a study and ultimately the park is found to be essential to the economic development

tions established for that purpose.

I would not be averse to opening the issue of the SSDC to see if there are ways to make it less onerous to business while keeping in mind the town's responsibilities to its taxpayers and sewer system users. I would be interested in exploring the costs of airport improvements to attract new business and looking at various tax incentives to encourage small business growth and job creation.

If elected, I would continue to work as I did in the 1970s and 1980s with business interests and the chamber to promote economic growth by participating in planning sessions and working with others in regional development projects.

of the town.

I feel that promoting the Town of Bethel as a "business friendly" area should be at the top of the list for the future of Bethel. As far as the modification of SSDC fees, I feel that an issue of this type should be handled on a case-by-case basis. I do not support a blanket policy that could place a burden on the taxpayers. If a business shows interest in Bethel and one of the stumbling blocks is SSDC fees, I feel that it should be discussed and acted upon as part of the whole package. I do not feel that the taxpayers should be asked to foot the bill in order to make Bethel more attractive to businesses. I know that an immense amount of time and effort has been placed in bringing the Bethel Regional Airport to its present level. I applaud the work that has been done and support its continued growth. I would step cautiously when looking toward the taxpayers to fund improvements. I feel that as in the past the grants process should continue to be the path taken in the continued upgrade at the airport. As far as tax increment financing, I feel that any measure that could promote economic growth in the area should be investigated to see what if any merit the plan holds. As I previously stated, I would be hesitant to support a blanket policy of tax increment financing as a tool to promote businesses coming to Bethel. I feel that a case-by-case handling of these issues allows the members of the Board of Selectmen to not only maintain an active part in the process but to keep abreast of the feelings of the citizens who would be most affected by the process.

I feel that it is imperative that the chamber and the selectboard maintain an open line of communication and that both parties continue to play an active role in the respective arenas. Both the chamber and the board play an important part in the good of Bethel and both must cooperate with the other to insure the continued growth of the town.

would give us a better sense of direction, in deciding, if those incentives are feasible or not and how to make it fair to those who have been paying the high charges. Then the ordinance would need to be updated to integrate these findings and to make the changes enforceable. I would be willing to support the airport, if it is self-supporting and will not need funding through the taxpayer. Concerning the Tax Increment Financing, I would need to see a benefit that would produce well-paying jobs.

A selectperson is supposed to represent all the citizens and base decisions on the common good. Therefore, the chamber, too, would have to be willing to start representing all business, not just those they desire to promote. Then we can all start working together to try and build a sustainable economy.

My reason for wanting to be your selectperson is that I will represent you. I have neither a personal or political agenda nor do I owe favors. Having been a member of the Planning Board, attending various workshops and selectboard meetings, has given me a well-rounded knowledge to help foster smart growth for our town.

creative, home occupations, small shops and the usual trades that we are used to seeing, carpenters, painters, etc. Our local mills are an integral and very important part of our local economy. They need to be supported.

One of our ordinances needs to be reviewed and ultimately changed to reduce the fee portion of it. I refer to the "Sewer System Development Charge."

Airport development has been an interest of mine in my past two terms as selectman and will continue to be if I am re-elected.

I am interested in working with the assessment or planning team that the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce might envision, to pursue economic development solutions. Proposed trips to other towns with development success stories are a great idea. We don't have to re-invent the wheel; maybe all we will have to do is change the tread design.

Regional economic growth is the only alternative for us. "Economic Islands" are things of the past in our global community.

ing to relocate to the Bethel area.

One action I could support would be a reduced SSDC fee or a delayed fee (to see if the business would be a success) with some kind of payment plan.

I believe there is a clear record of the selectmen working with the chamber or any other group that has the best interest of the town as their primary objective. I would most definitely be willing to participate in planning sessions if the sessions would enhance regional economic growth.

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I would like to see the town grow in areas of domestic housing and business. The growth I envision would be controlled growth. I do not believe anyone in Bethel wants to see what has happened in other areas of Maine that have just exploded.

I believe the town needs to actively be willing to go out and attract businesses willing to come to Bethel and fit into our small-town lifestyle.

Form a committee to do research on types of businesses will-

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Briefly**Polling hours for June 8**

REGION — The polling hours/locations in area towns for the June 8 SAD44 school budget referendum, the state referendum question on school funding, and primary elections, are as follows: Andover, 10 to 8 at Town Hall; Bethel/Mason, 8 to 8 at CPS gym; Gilford, 10 to 8 at Town Hall; Greenwood, 10 to 8 at Municipal Building; Hanover, 10 to 8 at Town Office; Newry, 10 to 8 at Town Office; Upton, 10 to 8 at Town Office; West Paris, 8 to 8 at Town Office; Woodstock/Milton Plantation, 8 to 8 at Town Office.

Region 9 representative needed

BETHEL — SAD44 currently has a vacant seat on the Board of Directors for the Region 9 School of Applied Technology. Supt. Dave Murphy said last week. A second seat is held by Norm Clanton of Bethel. Any district resident interested in serving in the other position may contact Murphy at 824-2185. The Region 9 board meets in Mexico once a month.

Big Apple robbed

POLAND — Police are looking for a man who robbed a Big Apple store on Route 26 at gunpoint Tuesday morning. The suspect threatened a cashier with a handgun and then fled in a car. No one was injured. The store is located at the intersection of routes 26 and 11. The suspect was described as a white man about 6 feet tall, weighing between 180 and 200 pounds. He had a beard and was wearing a dark gray or hooded sweatshirt and a black baseball cap with a red logo on the side. The escape vehicle was believed to be a dark colored car. Anyone with information is asked to call 784-7361 ext. 214.

Web site links farmers, shoppers

AUGUSTA — A new Web site is helping put Maine shoppers in touch with local farmers. The site, eatlocalfoods.org, aims to boost in-state consumption of Maine-grown foods by helping people find ways to buy their fresh produce from local farmers, farmers' markets and community supported farming projects. Food sold at farmers' markets are comparable in price to those found in grocery stores, said Roger Doiron, a spokesman for the Eat Local Foods Coalition, but there's no comparison in quality or taste. Maine has 75 community supported agriculture farms and 75 farmers' markets, and state residents spend about \$40 million annually on local produce, grains and meats. "If we were to purchase as little as \$10 worth of Maine foods each week, it would add up to \$100 million staying in the Maine economy," said Russell Libby, executive director of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. Libby said fewer farm stands line Maine roads today than did three decades ago, but farm stores are on the increase.

Gas prices affect boaters

CHINA — The price pinch of high gasoline prices doesn't stop when the road runs out, and boaters throughout Maine often are finding fuel prices higher than what has been offered at roadside gas stations. Maine drivers last week paid an average of \$2.10 per gallon, according to Maine's Office of Energy Independence and Security. Boaters typically pay 30 to 50 cents more at marinas, according to marine industry experts. The Great Pond Marina in Belgrade was charging \$2.79 per gallon last week, and some boaters reported marinas charging as much as \$3.50 to compensate for higher liability insurance premiums and higher fuel grades. Climbing gas prices have not deterred all boaters, however. Many are still eager to get wet in the water after the winter, no matter the cost. "I'm going boating regardless of any gas prices," said August Velten as he unloaded his boat on China Lake. Tipping his hat to a Dodge sport utility vehicle he used to tow the boat, he said, "That's the killer." Since marina customers cannot negotiate gas prices, many die-hard boaters have begun to look at more fuel-efficient — and more expensive — boats that use four-stroke motors. Others have monitored their time on the water. Cliff Curtis said he lives with the soaring gas prices by watching how far he boats on his weekly fishing trips on the Belgrade Lakes. While he would often head to the North Woods for trout and salmon, Curtis now sticks closer to the south, where pike are more plentiful. Curtis uses a small aluminum boat that costs \$15 to fill up. But add that to the gas for his truck and it still costs enough for him to consider other hobbies. "I recently took up golf," he said. "There's no gas involved in that."

Maine tourism budget small

AUGUSTA — It may say Vacationland on the license plate, but Maine spends less on tourism to draw visitors in with disposable incomes than Massachusetts and most other states with tourism-driven economies. National rankings of state tourism budgets show Maine ranks 32nd in the amount spent to lure tourists, up from 45th just a few years ago, according to industry numbers. And those who watch the tourism industry in Maine say it is time to start taking the state's tourism economy more seriously. The state has increased its tourism budget from about \$2 million annually to \$7 million. That is still a fraction of what is spent in other states. Hawaii, the nation's leader in tourism spending, spends \$56 million a year, and Massachusetts spends about \$10 million, according to recent data from the Travel Industry Association of America. But while some say the state is not doing enough, others argue that Maine has made significant progress in recent years. Vaughn Stinson, executive director of the Maine Tourism Association, said his group worked hard to get a state law passed to create a dedicated source of funding for the state Office of Tourism. The law gives the office a portion of meals and lodging tax receipts.

Cottontail numbers declining

AUGUSTA — State wildlife biologists who fear the New England cottontail is hopping down a path to extinction in Maine want to change the hunting season to help preserve the rabbits. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, citing a report that indicates there are only about 250 New England cottontails left in Maine, wants to limit the rabbit hunting season to snowshoe hares. The department also plans to work with conservation agencies and landowners to help increase cottontail rabbit habitat in southern Maine, where all of the remaining cottontails are found. If nothing is done, the animal could be wiped out in Maine, said Wally Jakubas, the department's mammal study leader. Jakubas said one of the problems with Maine's cottontail habitat is that there are small, two-acre patches of habitat that are miles away from other suitable habitats. And in southern Maine the existing habitat is expected to decrease dramatically in the next 50 years as urban sprawl takes over, making rabbits more of a target for predators, said Sandra Ritchie, state wildlife resource planner. "The patches (of habitat) are so far apart, the animal can't readily make it to the next patch," Jakubas said. "They can't travel long distances without encountering a large predator." The hunting season for rabbits in Maine was first established in 1905. Jakubas said several groups outside of Maine, including the Defenders of Wildlife, have asked the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to list the cottontail as endangered. Current hunting regulations allow the hunting of snowshoe hare and New England cottontail rabbits in Maine from Oct. 1 to March 31 each year, with a daily bag limit of one cottontail and a possession limit of two. The state's proposal to close the cottontail season will be open for public comment from June 16 to July 16.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Monday, May 31

At 9:10 p.m., at the corner of Vernon and Main streets, police arrested Benjamin Brown, 21, of Lovell for eluding an officer and OUI, after his vehicle struck a utility pole.

Saturday, May 29

At 8 p.m. a complainant reported his van had been broken into in Davis Park and a backpack taken.

Friday, May 28

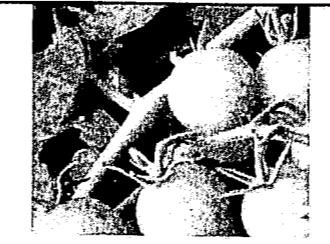
At 5:19 p.m. police received a report of a vehicle traveling north on Route 26 at a high rate of speed, passing several cars and nearly running others off the road. The vehicle was located in a village parking lot, with the driver nearby. The officer issued her a verbal warning.

At 9:15 p.m. police responded to Vernon Street for a report of a car/moose accident, with property damage only. No vehicle could be located. The officer was later advised the accident had been located by a Sheriff's office deputy in Albany, near the Hunt's Corner Road.

Thursday, May 27

At 4:50 a.m. police removed a dead coyote from Route 2, near the rest area.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summon in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.



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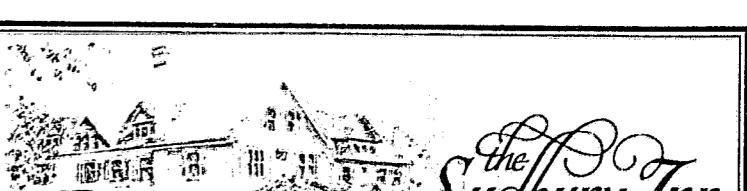
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Responses to last week's story:

Last week's article describing Bethel Town Manager Scott Cole's comments about Telstar students and former officers of the Bethel Police Department has generated, unsurprisingly, a record amount of reader response, as well as statements from Cole and the Board of Selectmen. We have reprinted the officials' statements here (in their entirety), and as much of our readers' response as possible (including all letters that take us to task for the manner in which we handled the story).

We will limit our own comments at this point to two:

It would seem Scott Cole wants The Citizen to report anything but the news. Despite the fact that more than half of last week's article was devoted to his attorney's explanation of what he and Cole appear to regard as mitigating circumstances; despite the fact that Cole was offered an opportunity to comment himself on the affair and refused, he now argues the newspaper should have spent still more time and space on the bigger picture, which, as he apparently sees it, is that he was sandbagged while attempting to do a good deed.

But last week's story was a news story, and a public official in his office performing constituent service is not news. What was news in this case — and what we tried to stay focused on — was a public official in Cole's position saying what Cole said.

We don't believe the statement: "God, they're all ----- idiots down there" is particularly context-dependent, but if you must talk about context, while Cole would like to spin it one way, we find another take more plausible: He was speaking to people with whom he had a pre-existing, friendly relationship, a relationship that led him to believe he could speak frankly, to say what he really thinks.

And he did.

(All that said, in retrospect our focus probably was a bit too tight. We now wish we had named the couple who made the tape and mentioned their reason for seeing Cole — if only to eliminate the impression we were protecting them or trying to twist the truth by omission. But details about the couple — which were bound to come out at some point in any case — were not left out of last week's article for either of those reasons; they were left out because, whatever the couple's motivations, whatever their connections to others in the community, including Darren Tripp, we simply judged them to be a distraction to the real story — which, again, was what Scott Cole, while acting in an official capacity, said. Identifying the couple would also have dragged a minor into the story, something we hoped at the time to avoid. That consideration is now moot — for more on the couple, Bill and Karen Hopkins, and their view of the events that led to their being in Cole's office and tape recording the conversation, please see the letter to the editor elsewhere on this page.)

Finally, regarding Cole's statement: "The article has unfairly painted many good kids and students by my hand." If he is claiming here that he did not in fact say what we quoted him as saying — i.e., that he did not specifically refer to all the students at Telstar in the manner we reported (and we hear he has made such a claim when confronted elsewhere about the remark) then he is lying (unless, of course, he wants to attempt to dance on the word "all" the way Bill Clinton so convincingly tripped light fantastic on the word "sex").

But perhaps we misread the sentence about painting the kids and students — perhaps Scott Cole is making no such claim to innocence.

Perhaps he would care to clarify?

—MRD

SCOTT COLE TO THE BETHEL BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

The Bethel Citizen and editor-correspondent Michael Daniels published an article in the May 27, 2004 edition of that newspaper which purports to describe a conversation between myself and a Bethel couple that recently occurred in the Town Office. What follows are my observations and version of events.

This couple came to the office in late March and asked me to intervene with the Telstar school district on their behalf. For background, these were people who befriended me last summer when they first moved to Maine and rented an apartment next door while their house was under construction. They had many questions about Bethel and I did my best to welcome them to the area. We became neighbors and friends and engaged in amiable chat on a number of summer evenings in the backyard.

During their office visit in March they told me that their daughter was being repeatedly harassed on school grounds to the point of sexual assault. They stated that school officials were doing nothing in response to their complaints. Thus, they asked me to get involved. In the course of conversation, I referred to their daughter's assailants as "idiots and morons." This comment was directed at the assailants, not the entire student body.

This conversation then shifted to the dismissal of the police chief. When asked why he was fired, I stated words to the effect of "when the store clerks called 911, the dispatchers at South Paris started looking for the Bethel Police Department and Darren and Phil were sitting in the police station jerking off and not answering the phone, those guys tried to argue that the phone didn't ring but that was bullshit because all the records had been checked again and again and everything showed that the phone was operational."

When I was asked if I was going to "bring my friends in from Oxford County," I replied something to the effect of, "No, we're not going to bring in the deputies. We are going to keep our police department and have a real chief with real police officers and not the gangsters that have worked for Tripp."

I am naturally upset. During an office visit, I spoke on an informal basis with people whom I considered to be friends. They had come to me for help with a serious problem. I spoke candidly and crudely but did so with an assumption of confidentiality. As it turns out, these people were secretly recording the conversation. There is clear evidence that these people had been in contact with Darren and Haley Tripp in the days leading up to their office visit. I believe that the former police chief had full knowledge of their office visit and its purpose beforehand.

As for the May 27 article, writer and editor Michael Daniels chose to avoid publishing my comments in anything resembling full context. A fair, objective article would have drawn a complete picture of the conversation within which I made my comments. An objective article would have identified the prior relationship between myself and the couple who came to the office. An objective article would have identified the connection between this couple and the Tripps. An objective article would have identified its sources. Yet, Daniels, an otherwise good journalist, didn't do any of this and instead chose to deliver biased coverage via the Bethel Citizen with the clear intent of destroying me. What was his motivation?

I regret meeting that couple, that day in the Town Office. The meeting has led to a poorly written newspaper article sparked by a disgruntled ex-employee and his cohorts who exploited a friendship. The article has unfairly painted many good kids and students by my hand.

The Citizen's coverage portrays me as some kind of terrible person who harbors terrible ideas. In response, all that I can say is that in the past five years, I have spoken and dealt with hundreds of Bethel residents of all ages on an individual basis on a wide variety of issues. These people can decide for themselves what kind of person that I am, based on these dealings and without the help of the Bethel Citizen.

With regard to the newspaper's call for my removal, my employment is governed by a contract that is public record. The question of removal is a matter for the Board of Selectmen and any action will occur within contractual and statutory guidelines. I will not voluntarily resign.

In closing, I thank you for considering what is written here. I am truly sorry for the hard feelings and anger in the public. It has been, and remains, a privilege to serve the Bethel community. The taxpayers have provided me with an excellent salary, and in exchange, I have strived to do an excellent job for them.

PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE BETHEL SELECTMEN:

Today's quotations attributed to Scott Cole in The Bethel Citizen are of real concern in several regards. The most obvious concerns are for Scott's professional remarks while in the employ of the Town of Bethel and for the many townspeople, young and old, who have been hurt by them. The selectmen have been aware of this conversation since it was delivered to several of them by Darren Tripp, have discussed it briefly with the Town Manager, and have agreed to consider it more fully as part of the manager's annual performance evaluation early in June. To do our job well, we should have access to more of the conversation than only that which has been selected for our consumption by others.

A less obvious but equally profound concern is that raised by a second instance in which people have secretly tape recorded presumably private conversations. In this case, those doing the recording were social acquaintances of the town manager. The practice of surreptitiously recording private conversations is so abhorrent and socially destructive that it is personally difficult to take action based upon information gathered in this manner. Episodes of hateful behavior in the community, and the publication of them, are embarrassments to us all and deeply sadden the large majority of Bethel's citizens who are caring and sensible people. One can only hope that those who perpetuate these episodes and assess them worthy of distribution will find other diversions.

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THERE WAS NO VENDETTA

To the Editor:

We are the "couple" that supposedly has a vendetta against Mr. Cole. Also that we were in his office that day to further an agenda of our own. We have not gone to the press with the subject due to the sensitive nature, but since this was brought out into the open, and Mr. Cole's attorney has had his 2 cents, we're ready.

Our intent that day was to seek help from the town manager, as a last resort. We had exhausted all other venues in an attempt to stop the verbal and sexual harassment toward our daughter at school. Just recently it ended in a physical assault that left her with a concussion, neck and shoulder injuries while on the school bus.

We moved to Bethel May of 2003. We had vacationed here for many years and always dreamed of living here one day. When our daughter started school she put up with the normal "new kid" teasing, no problem, it didn't faze her. She started back in September excited and with a positive attitude. By the time the first quarter ended her grades had dropped. We called the school to find out why we weren't made aware of the problem, why wait until mid term? No answer — she became withdrawn, she wasn't the same kid. We were so concerned that we actually confronted her about drug use. When she talked of killing herself, we had enough. We finally got her to tell us what was going on. Though we cannot use explicit language and details in this letter, we can assure you this went above and beyond anything considered to be "normal" adolescent behavior. It got so bad that at one point we were meeting with the dean of students about one incident and while that was taking place, our daughter was being assaulted in the locker room. We went to the dean of students, the principal and superintendent. We even went to the school

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board. I contacted and wrote letters, nothing was done. Kelly Scotti, the former chairperson of the school board, told us there was nothing they could do. We tried for three weeks to get on the agenda. This matter was supposedly brought up in executive session.

The problem we were having was, even if we filled out a report at the school, it was a "he said, she said" situation and their hands were tied without witnesses. One day, one of the boys that harassed her wasn't thinking and did something in front of witnesses. That is when he admitted to his wrongdoing. We finally had a chance to help our daughter. We kept the incident quiet. Only the school administration, both families and the police knew of the incident. Our daughter was granted a protection order based on that day and all the evidence of the past year.

We did not and do not want to sue the school, town or individuals involved. We wanted to ensure our child's safety and for her to exercise her right of attending a public school free from the distraction of verbal harassment and sexual harassment. When our daughter returned to school after the order was in effect, she was met with unrelenting harassment from her peers. She was an outcast. Why? Because she stuck up for herself and has self respect? Because she wanted to go to school and learn, not be touched inappropriately, get beaten up and spoken to in explicit language? She was told to "suck it up." What is that? We've heard coaches say this to players after a scraped knee on the field to keep them motivated, but to "suck up" daily harassment is outrageous. We know there are people that are experiencing the same problems with their children, but will not come forward. We have heard from a town employee, speaking in the office about our family, (not knowing who I was), that "we're the kind of family that just likes to sue people." FYI, before you open your mouth make sure you know who's in front of you and if we were going to sue, it would have been a year ago. We tried to work this out through the appropriate chain of command and got nowhere.

There is so much more to this story. Our daughter begged us months ago, when we approached The Citizen, not to tell the story, for fear of more retaliation. We respected her feelings. We wish we did it back then; if the citizens of Bethel were aware of what was going on at Telstar, maybe the administration would have taken serious steps to ensure the safety of all the students, all of our children.

We have a year's worth of paper trail, harassment forms and doctor reports. We welcome anyone to read them and it may surprise you to find out what's been going on at Telstar; it may not.

So why the recording? After a year of he-said-she-said, harassment forms being "misplaced," getting the run around and no help from the school department, we had enough of hearing, "where's your proof?" We decided that from now on we would record any conversation with administration and that included the town manager, to ensure there were no words mixed and no more "lost forms." We were not "bent on using fraud by coming into his office and deceptively taping him." We went to Mr. Cole for help, and still nothing, he said his hands were tied but he'd give Dave Murphy a call. It was the town manager that changed the conversation with the fact there's a lot of BS going on in this town — he was not "prompted by us." Nor was he "set up." It was a great line Mr. Hanley, that "you can elicit comments from people if you approach under the guise of being their friend." Let's not insult the community's intelligence. If Mr. Cole was our friend, we would have gone to his house and knocked on his door. We went to Mr. Cole, at the Town Office, as parents and taxpayers. Please don't make Mr. Cole out to be the victim, by being "recorded."

As far as it being a "sad day when a public official is going to have to put down everyone who comes into their office to see if they have a tape recorder," that's ridiculous. A public official, especially town manager, should not voice such a low opinion of the community's youth and workers. Mr. Cole's a big boy; no one twisted his arm and made him speak. Save the double talk and 50-cent words. The citizens of this town will see through the smoke screen. Bottom line, Mr. Cole opened his mouth and now he's scrambling to cover it up.

Why did The Bethel Citizen have the tape? It's about fairness. We welcome anyone to listen to the tape and read the reports of our daughter's harassment, and then they will have the truth.

As far as our family, we want to live peacefully among our neighbors and want our children to reap the benefits of growing up in such a beautiful community filled with history and endless natural resources they can enjoy. Unfortunately, we are receiving death threats: We'll be shot in our sleep, our house will be burned down, the list continues.

Fortunately, however, we do not back down from threats nor do we let fear run our lives. We are going to stay in this community and live out our dream of raising the kids here. We are not putting them back in public school, though.

Karen and Bill Hopkins, Bethel

AN UNCONVINCING DEFENSE

To the Editor:

I read The Bethel Citizen today. I also read the Lewiston Sun-Journal. Much to my dismay I read that the town manager of Bethel has been using some inappropriate language concerning students and former students at Telstar Regional High School. Mr. Cole's defense of his remarks seems rather weak to me. It reminds me of the often-expressed opinion of adolescents that "it isn't wrong unless you get caught." I don't think recording a conversation without the knowledge of those involved is a good thing. I also don't think that a town manager should make disparaging remarks about his district's high school, or did his proximity to Gould Academy cause him to forget his relationship to the school "down the road?" Mr. Cole says he was speaking only of those involved in alleged harassment when he called students at Telstar "idiots." Actually, if Mr. Daniels has it right, and I expect he does since he claims the quote is on tape, Mr. Cole used the "F" word as an adjective to intensify the word "idiots." If The Citizen quoted him correctly, the town manager used the word "all" as part of his description of the Telstar folks. Does he think "all" of the Telstar students are guilty of harassment? Mr. Cole also evidently said that Phil Taylor was in the town office goofing off. I've known Mr. Taylor a long time. I doubt that.

As for the "gangsters" on the Bethel Police force, I worked with many of them in the classroom during my thirty years of teaching at Telstar. I am proud of them for their accomplishments and for their willingness to work for the people of Bethel. They didn't deserve such a comment.

I don't live in Bethel, but I do love Bethel and its people. They have the right to run their town any way they see fit. Mr. Cole may be the town manager Bethel needs right now. However, I recommend to Mr. Cole that he might want to consider his language more carefully. To sit in the town office and make derogatory statements about the town's high school and its Police Department seems like a really bad idea to me. That is to say nothing of his insulting remarks aimed at the "idiots down there." Does Mr. Cole really think it is OK to use such words as long as they aren't on record? A person's character is often revealed by his behavior when he doesn't think anyone is watching.

One more thing occurs to me. Mr. Cole's apology as expressed in his letter to the Bethel Board of Selectmen and published in the Sun-Journal is less than convincing. He is sorry for the "hard feelings and anger in the public." Apologies that focus on other people's behavior are not true apologies. If I hit someone in the face, and then say, "I'm sorry you're angry," the apology has ignored my own responsibility. Mr. Cole needs to go beyond blaming someone else for what happens.

Telstar is an excellent school that has provided a good education for thousands of fine young people. Perhaps Mr. Cole will eventually learn to appreciate Bethel and its people.

Rodney Abbott, West Paris

WE CANNOT AFFORD HIS LEGAL BAGGAGE

To the Editor:

As a Bethel taxpayer, let me state first and foremost that I can no longer afford to support legal fees brought about by the verbal diarrhea of the Bethel town manager. His vulgar remarks degrading honest, hard-working Bethel taxpayers as "idiots" is shocking enough, but his accusation that the former police chief and officers are "gangsters" is legally actionable. That more legal fees will come rolling in very shortly is only to be expected.

We certainly do not need leaders who have no respect for the taxpayers; after all we are funding their salaries. Much less do we need to pay legal bills caused by their personal, petty spites and vendettas?

Time is long past due for this incompetent buffoon to leave town. If the selectmen do not have the intestinal fortitude (read "guts") to do the job, then they should pack their bags and join Mr. Cole in the exodus.

H. Dolloff, Fed-up Bethel Taxpayer

LET HE WHO IS WITHOUT SIN ...

To the Editor:

I don't believe I know anybody who, in the course of informal conversation with trusted associates, hasn't occasionally castigated mutual acquaintances using terms similar to those reportedly used by Scott Cole. Nor do I know anyone who, in an attempt to appear sympathetic to someone who seems upset, has never said things that do not strictly conform to what he really believes.

Do you know anyone who has never done these things? How does it go — "Let he who is without sin ..."

I don't suppose that anyone needs to tell Scott Cole that he should be more discriminating in determining which associates can be trusted. Far more deserving of our condemnation than Scott Cole is the couple that elicited these remarks, meant for their ears only, while surreptitiously tape recording them for later publication. I don't know anyone who has committed this particular sin, unless I happen to know this yet-to-be-revealed couple.

Scott Hynek, Bethel

REPORTING WAS A 'SICKENING HORROR'

To the Editor:

What a sickening horror it is to read the headlines: "Cole Calls Telstar Students ..." and the related article and editorial by the editor of The Bethel Citizen. Instead of responsible reporting, we were served: a) Blatantly agenda driven and stunted reportage regarding; b) conspiracy by unnamed individuals to sandbag a public official who, c) is locked in a death dance with people using our police department to serve their own rather than our community needs.

Could it get any worse? Yes, it could get a lot worse if Bethel citizens fail to be diligent in seeing this insult to our community, including the reporting, resolved as quickly as possible.

My first impulse is simply to throw everyone out, including the editor. "What we heard is what you have read," the editorial said. Really? We weren't told the facts regarding "the cou-

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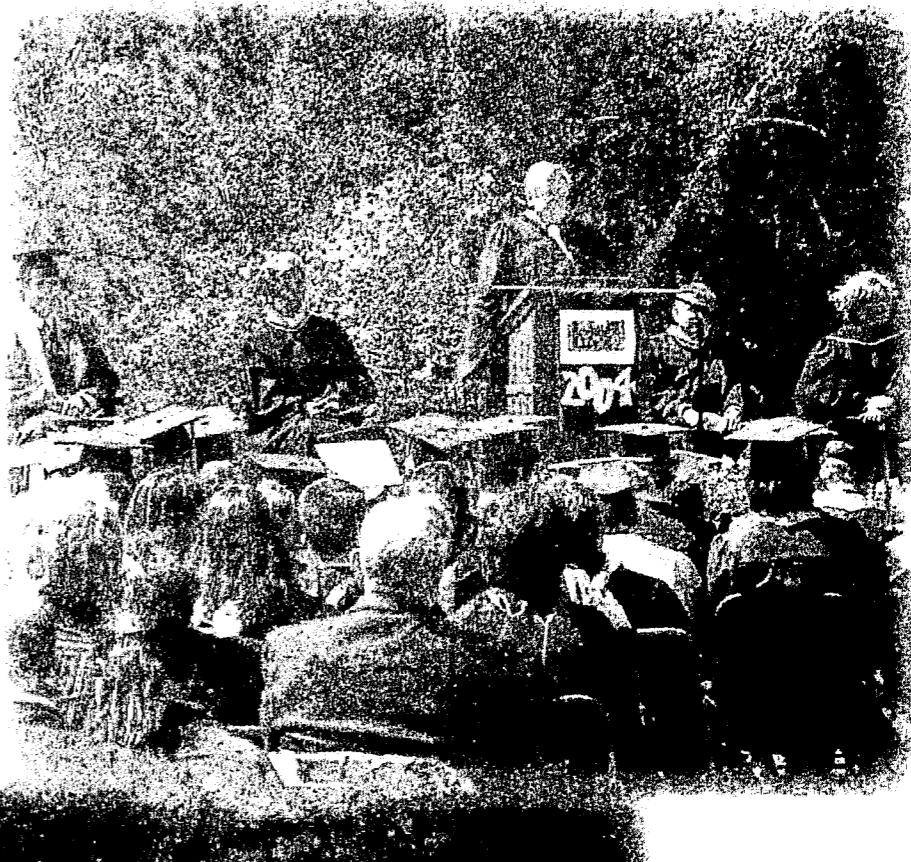
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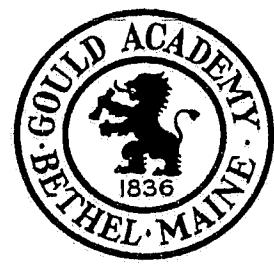
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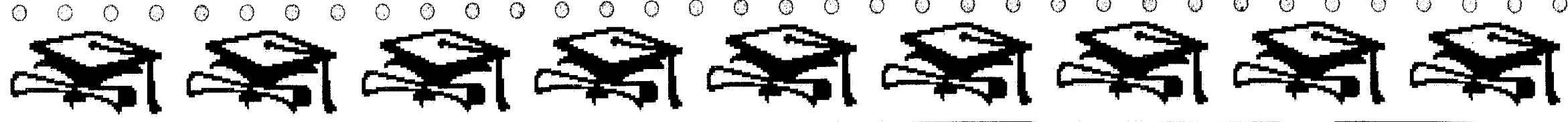
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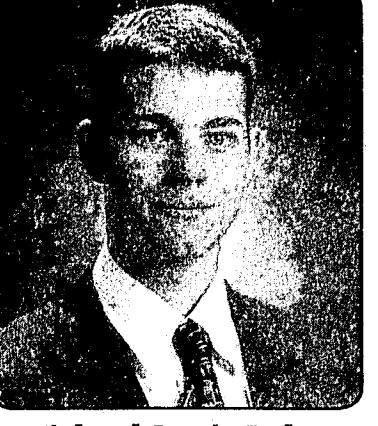
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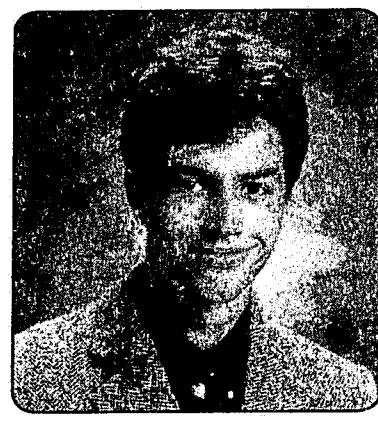
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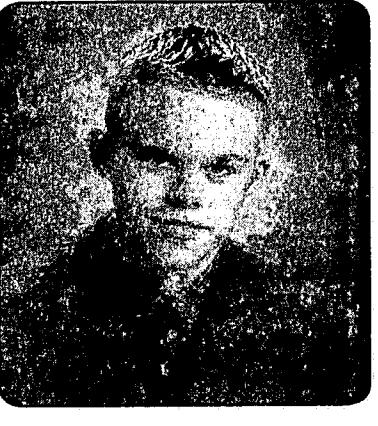
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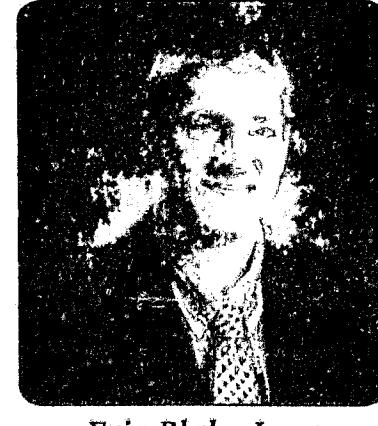
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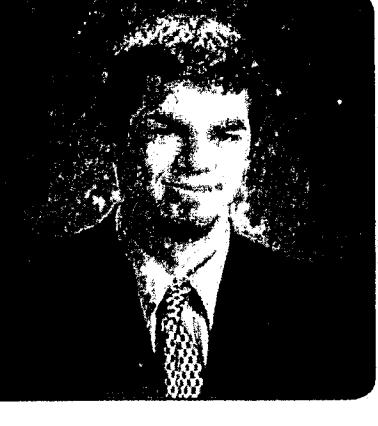
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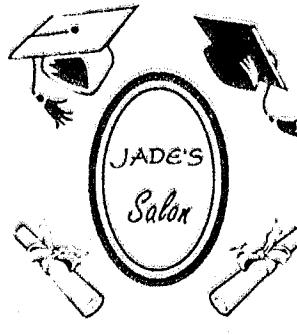
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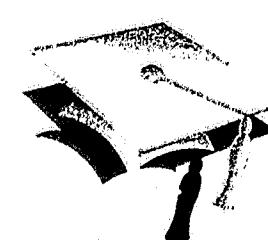
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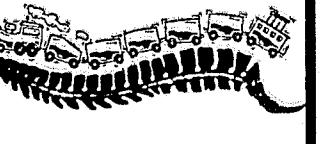


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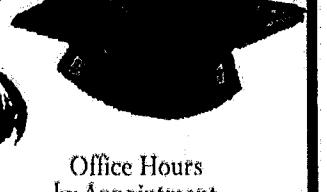
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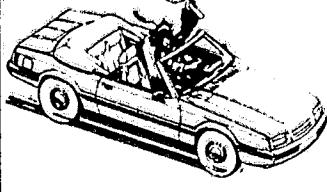
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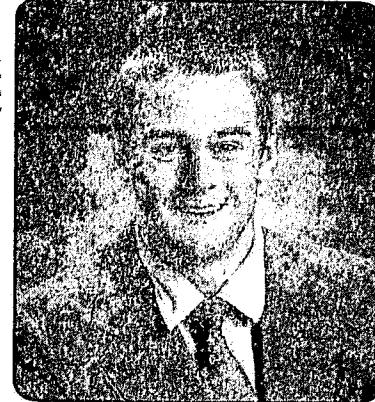


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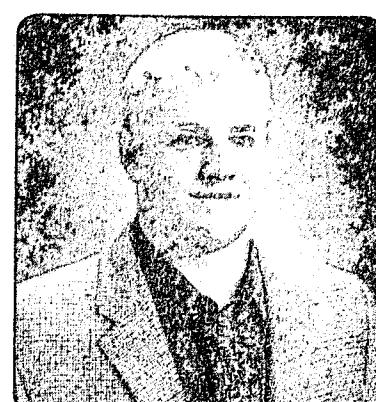
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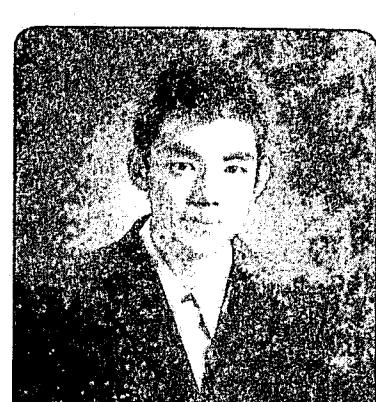
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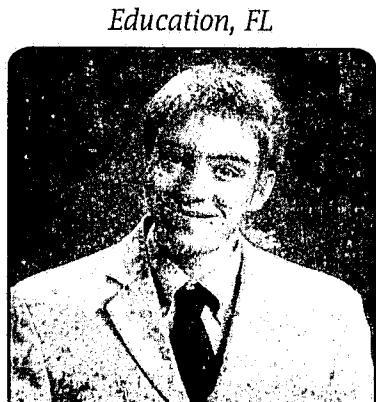
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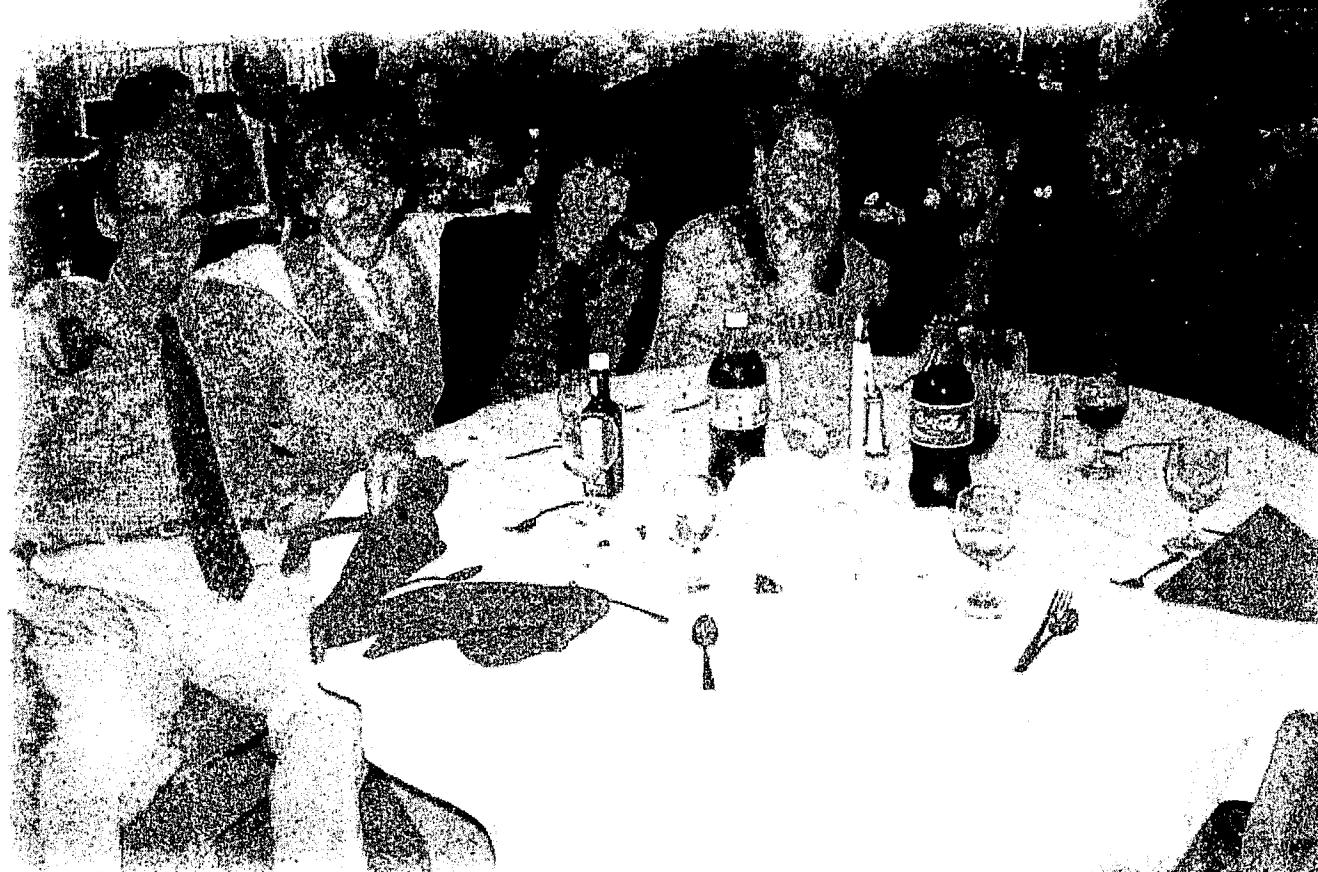
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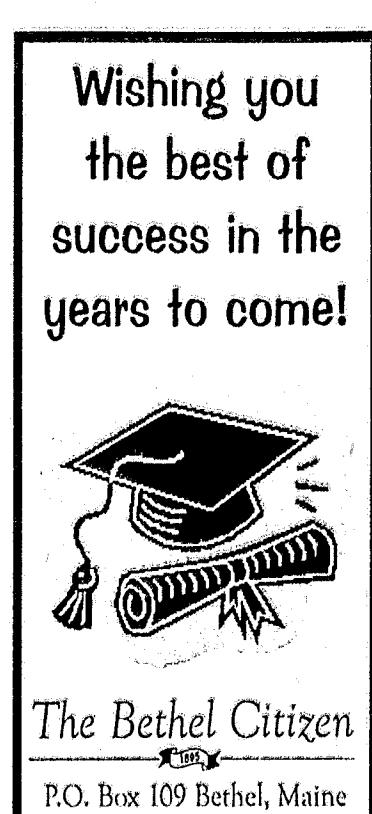
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Letters

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ple," the secretly taped setup with Cole or the real context of whatever descriptive terms were used.

Then, based on scrambled fragments, we're led to think Cole has low regard for all of us so we're best rid of him. Mr. Daniels' article and editorial are stunning examples of such terms as "quoting out of context," "lack of attribution" and even "slanderous." That may be OK for "hate radio," but we deserve and must demand far better.

Rather than obey first impulses, we've got to walk through the process of investigation, disclosure and appropriate corrective action. Whatever our current opinions are regarding police, the town manager or any other important community issue, satisfactory resolution depends on all pertinent facts being known and considered. To do less is to risk unjust treatment of some and to lose the lesson in this sorry episode for the rest of us. It would also push the possibility of repetition on to our kids. Sadly, we'll have to rely on open meetings or hearings to keep adequately informed since we can't rely on responsible reporting by The Bethel Citizen.

I don't know what the next step should be, but I call on our selectmen to step in and guide us through the process. In fact, this is a very good time for all of us to exercise and learn from real democratic process. That's what our Founding Fathers designed it for, wasn't it? — to give us the tools to provide a more perfect union at all levels? We must bear in mind as we go forward that just as in the case of our Constitution, the quality of the outcome is a direct reflection on the quality of the work that goes into it. We're going to have to live with the result of this work for a long time, so we'd better do the right thing.

Seabury Lyon, Bethel

GIVE TOWN BACK TO PEOPLE WHO CARE

To the Editor:

Let us choose our words wisely. I always believed it was our duty as leaders in our community to build up and encourage our citizens, whether children, youth or adults, not tear them down. What we say in public or in private, to a friend or foe, must be thought through before we speak, or it may come back to bite us.

My two sons and their friends graduated from Telstar and were not idiots or morons. I have three grandchildren in Telstar now, and I know they and their friends are great kids. Having worked for 20 years on staff at Telstar (now retired), I met most all of the students. We all have different abilities, some perhaps are not all perfect, but there is a bright future for each if they are nurtured and encouraged by their peers.

As regards the former officers of the Bethel Police Department, we believed in their ability, their care and concern for our citizens was outstanding. They were not gangsters.

Mr. Cole, perhaps it is time for you to look for that perfect town that you desire, and let this village go back to being caring people again.

Geraldine Shimamura, Bethel

PROVOKED MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER

To the Editor:

I had two daughters attend and graduate from Telstar High School. One of my daughters graduated from college with a teaching degree, and the other is a dental assistant. I also have three granddaughters currently attending Telstar High School. I was outraged when I read in the Bethel Citizen that Scott Cole thought the students at Telstar were "idiots" and "morons."

Regarding the Police Department, how many years has Mr. Cole been town manager and has kept the "gangsters" protecting the Town of Bethel? One of these gangsters Mr. Cole was referring to is my niece, whom I am very proud of and is now working for the Rockport Police Department.

Another thing that I would like to mention is about the actions, which Scott Cole is put under with worrying about being recorded. I would like to ask Scott Cole, "Do you need to be able to tell the truth when you know there is someone tape recording you?"

It was said in the paper that "It might be time now for the present town manager to be down the road." I know I do not stand alone when I say, "It is time for that 'idiot' and 'moron' to leave this gangster town he so rudely talks about behind our backs, behind closed doors and only when he does not know he is being recorded."

Joy Hart, Mother and grandmother of the "idiots" and "morons" at Telstar High School, and the wife of the "gangster" ACO of Bethel

WHERE ARE HIS ETHICS?

To the Editor:

As lifelong residents and parents of two students that attend Telstar, we are deeply offended by Scott Cole's comments. Calling students "idiots" and "morons" is totally uncalled for.

Where is Scott Cole's code of ethics? Does he have any morals? It's clear to us and many others Scott Cole's not the man for the job. Enough is enough. Contract or not.

The slander of our youth is a reflection on the whole community. Slander should be considered a breach of contract. Undermining the Police Department and making nasty comments about officers should also be considered a breach of contract. A town manager that has no respect for the community should leave his position as town manager, pack his bags and baggage and leave town.

Roberta and David Hunt, Albany Township

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department

I have just about had it up to here with SPAM and I'm not referring to the mystery meat either.

Anyone who has spent any time on the Internet knows exactly what I'm talking about. SPAM is the annoying emails we get advertising everything from car insurance to free DVD's.

If you type your email address just about anywhere in cyberspace you become a prime target for SPAM. If you are naive enough to actually open up one of the spammers and respond to it, you automatically triple your incoming SPAM. I know because that's what I did once and have been paying for it ever since.

Once upon a time in my early computing days I got excited whenever I received an email from a friend or a forwarded joke, but in those good old days (a few short years ago) I averaged 5 or 6 messages a day. Now I average 400 or 500 messages a day, yet only 5 or 6 are friends or forwarded jokes.

You may have heard a lot about SPAM filters and through my Internet Service Provider figuring bye-bye SPAM forever. Far less junk mail finds its way into my email inbox, but because some of the good email sometimes ends up in the SPAM filter, I still have to check that everyday.

I resist the temptation to check some of them out, but I have to admit that the message in the subject lines do make me a bit curious.

Just today, for example, I had no less than 10 offers to refinance my home with interest rates ranging anywhere from 3.7% to the incredible low of 1.95%. No credit checks, no questions asked.

One enterprising sender, called "Crown Specialists", not only wants to refinance my home for 3.25%, they also want

to find me a date.

I get a lot of those dating ones telling me that someone in South Paris is interested in me or promiscuous singles are seeking me out. Maybe because I spend so much time on the Internet the assumption is that I'm lonely and need a date. Still, I wonder who in South Paris is interested in me.

I'm probably missing a lot of great opportunities by not responding to some of the SPAM. As well as the refinancing and date offers I received today, I also was offered the chance to make \$1,000 a week, fire my boss,

"I got 6 e-mail messages telling me about Oprah's Secret Diet... leading me to believe that it's probably not much of a secret after all."

quite my day job, get rich from the comfort of my own home. I'll bet those are all job offers to send SPAM to other people.

I passed up claiming a lot of prizes that I won today, too. There were several DVD players and home entertainment centers, a digital camera, a couple of computers and a complete facial makeover. I even won a Ford Explorer and several all-expense paid trips, but I couldn't bring myself to check those notifications out. You know the old adage, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is too good to be true."

If I wanted to obtain prescription drugs without a prescription, I received 11 emails that would tell me how, but I didn't respond to them either.

I got 6 e-mail messages telling me about Oprah's Secret Diet leading me to believe that it's probably not much of a secret after all.

I got several offers for debt counseling or consolidation.

Gould

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scholarship, character, and service to the school and participation in activities of the school.

McAllister received the Scholarship Shield, awarded to the senior with the highest academic average.

Graduates whose names will be engraved on Gould Academy's Honor Plaque, in recognition of their achievement of an academic average of 90 or above for their years at Gould, are Caroline Beatty, Matt Humbert, Betsy Jorgenson, Quinn McAllister, and Alex Thompson.

The Maine Principals' Association Award was presented to Matt Humbert.

Katie Reed and Jay Steiner received the Elwood F. Ireland Award for their contributions to the school community in the areas of service, leadership, and character.

The Annie Daley Chesnies Award, celebrating the spirit of student involvement in social, political, and environmental causes, was presented to Catherine Cook.

Sara Velte received the Francis "Hi" Berry Award, and Whitney Stowell, the Joe Rodriguez Award, for outstanding competitive spirit through example and overall competence in athletics.

Charlie Edwards received the Gould Academy Alumni Association Award, which recognizes the son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter of an alumnus or alumna whose attitude, involvement, and contributions typify the ideals of Gould's alumni and its Alumni Association. Edwards' father, Clarkson Edwards, is a member of Gould Academy's Class of 1960.

The Art Department Purchase Award was presented to Ryoko Arai. Her black

and white still-life drawing has been selected and purchased by the faculty to be permanently displayed at the school.

Academic book prizes were presented to the following students: English, Trina Boelsma; History, Greg Schroy; mathematics, science, and computer science, Matt Humbert; French, Quinn McAllister; Spanish, Brandon Solomon; art, Ryoko Arai; pottery, Colin Boyd and Matt Tosi; drama, Catherine Cook; drama technology, Jay Steiner.

The Linwood "Lindy" Lowell Award, an honor voted upon by the graduating class, is given annually to the member of the senior class whose friendly personality and helpful nature have brightened the lives of fellow students.

The Class of 2004 chose to award the honor to classmate Matt Tosi.

The Senior Point Award, given to the senior who pursued an especially creative and unique Senior Four Point project was given to Steve Schultz.

Kunkle and Hammond then presented diplomas to the graduating seniors, and the Rev. Rickeman gave the benediction.

Baccalaureate
On Friday evening before commencement, Gould's traditional baccalaureate exercises were held at the West Parish Congregational Church, with the Rev. Rickeman officiating.

Graduating senior Charlie Edwards of Montague, Mass. and biology teacher Peter Southam were selected by the Class of 2004 to address them at the baccalaureate ceremony.

Votes

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of Assessors and SAD44 Board of Directors.

Incumbent assessors Howe and David Luxton are seeking re-election, and they are being challenged by Larry Smith.

There are no candidates on the ballot for the School Board, so voters will have to write in their own choices.

Wednesday votes

The following day, at 7 p.m., townpeople will sit down to deal with the remainder of the 2004 Town Meeting warrant.

The article likely to generate the most debate is the last.

Article 34 asks: "Shall the town vote to enact an ordinance entitled 'Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Municipal Officials'."

The article is on the ballot not by the choice of the selectmen, but as the result of a citizen petition.

The petition drive was led by Haley Tripp, wife of the fired police chief.

The ordinance is modeled after one enacted by Greenwood voters in March.

It would allow for the recall and removal of any elected selectman or assessor (but not school board members, who Maine law exempts from such ordinances).

The ordinance lays out the steps — including a petition and special Town Meeting election — that would be applied in a recall campaign.

Voting in the recall election would be by written, secret ballot, and if the recall was approved, the position would be filled again at a second special Town Meeting, to be held within 30 days of the first.

A person who was recalled could not run for the same position until the next annual Town Meeting.

Taxes headed up

Even with the town's big-ticket Capital Improvement Budget cut back sharply from what was initially proposed, the tax rate, which is currently \$15.50, is likely to rise to somewhere in the \$17 to \$18 range.

Polls will be open for Tuesday's election from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Crescent Park School.

The meeting will reconvene Wednesday evening, also at CPS.

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"Forever Young," sung by all class members.

Becky Cummings, chair of the SAD44 Board of Directors, will offer congratulatory remarks. Supt. David Murphy, Ed.D. will certify the graduates, and Lambert will then present the diplomas.

Class co-presidents Alanna

Borst and Priscilla Thurston will give the farewell, and Charles Raymond, dean of students, will close the exercises.

The graduates will then travel to Jokers in South Portland for Project Graduation activities, returning Saturday morning for breakfast at the American Legion in Locke Mills.





REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN—Commander Dan Grover, of the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post, addresses those who turned out for Monday's Memorial Day commemoration at the East Bethel Cemetery. The commemoration was one of countless events here and across the country to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. And their ranks, Cmdr. Grover noted, are once again growing. Right, Jessica Kelly, daughter of Michael and Doreen Kelly of Bethel, was this year's Miss Poppy for the Mundt-Allen American Legion Post. She took part in the Memorial Day observance on the Bethel Common. Here, she presents a poppy to Bethel Town Manager Scott Cole. (Miss Poppy photo by Arlene Bean, East Bethel by Michael Daniels)

Bethel



by
Virginia
Keniston
A special
observance for
WWII veterans
was held at

the Town Hall in Locke Mills, put on by the American Legion Auxiliary of Jackson-Silver Post. It was very well attended. A great luncheon was served in the dining room. A program was presented upstairs — a singing group from the Sweet Adelines was outstanding in their singing of songs from WWII days, and a group of Parisians played numbers pertaining to that time, also. A large TV screen showed the dedication of the WWII monument in Washington, D.C.

Francis Dooen is in the Intensive Care Unit at Maine

Medical Center, Portland.

Doug Rice with wife Sandra of Guilford, Conn., arrived at The Chalet at Sunday River on Thursday, and son Justin and wife Sue with daughter Alyssa arrived on Friday. They visited and tended to lawn and flower gardening at the home of mother/grandmother Mary Rice Keniston and husband Lefty Keniston on Vernon Street the remainder of the week. On Saturday, all the family attended their annual family gathering and cookout at Donna and Alton Howe's in Waterford. Others attending were Don Rice and grandson Dalton of Waterford, Chip and Barbara Howe and girls, Jiselle and Kaylea, and her mother, Denise, from Scarborough, and April and Rob Olmstead and daughter Olivier of Edgewood, R.I. Sunday, Mary and Doug and Justin decorated family lots at Songo, Kyaking and hiking kept

Cemetery, North Waterford, and South Waterford cemeteries. A busy but satisfying holiday weekend. The Chateau Rices all returned to Guilford, Conn., on Monday.

George Bryant, Jr., of Bangor and fiancée, Wendy, were visitors recently in the Bethel area. They called on his Aunt Mary Keniston and husband, Lefty while here. George is the son of Ida Bryant of Bangor and the late George Bryant, Sr.

Weekend visitors at the Keniston Camp at Songo Pond were Rachel and Ted McKnight from Jericho, Vt., Deanne and Jeremy Witt of Merrimack, N.H., Glenn and Julia Bangs and three girls of South Paris, David, Jodi, Trey and Heather Keniston of Norway, Bob and I and Jeni Shaw of Bethel. Weather cooperated although it was quite windy. Kayaking and hiking kept

everyone busy.

Weekend guests of Mary and Bud Paine were Don Ferraro of New Bedford, Mass., Dick Paine, Mary Nutter and Ed Dorion of Portland.

Don and Ruth Feeney have moved to their new home in Bryant Pond.

Visitors at the home of Henry and Betty Robertson during the Memorial Day weekend were daughter Jean and husband Glen Ramsay of Scarborough and daughter Merry and husband Jack Harkins of Brunswick. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chase of Wayne and Ray Chase of Hanover. They also had a surprise visit from former neighbors Phil and Jill Andrews of Eugene, Ore., who plan to return to Bethel when Phil finishes law school.

Cass and Casey Dyer of Bangor were holiday guests of Paul and Sally Bodwell. The sweater count-

ter at the Ladies Aid Yard Sale did a great deal of business. In spite of the weather and the hard work, the Yard and Bake Sale was a success. The proceeds will be added to the fund for Christmas presents for the children at our annual Christmas Party.

The long weekend brought many people to their camps. The Hamel family got right to work gardening and getting the two camps set up for the season. Dave and Frank Tucker always arrive on Memorial Day, and they did. The Williamson's children, grand-children and great-grand-children filled the log cabin to capacity.

The lake was extremely rough, which limited boating activity, but there was plenty of work to keep them occupied.

The lilacs bloomed faithfully for Memorial Day and flowering crabapple and apple trees lit up the landscape. Their beauty is fleeting, but there is hope that the apple crop will be better this year.

A Flag Raising ceremony at St. Pius Church in Erol was held on Sunday, under the direction of Lionel Roy. A moment of silence was held for our troops followed by a group singing of the National Anthem. A sharp, cold wind came off the mountains during the ceremony, but it was

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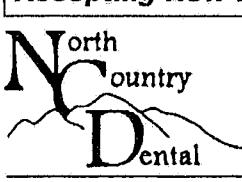
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well attended. A new house is being built on the corner of the Barnes Road. The foundation was poured last week.

The Planning Board met on Saturday, May 29. Six permits were applied for.

There was a frost on Sunday, May 30, and Monday, May 31. It was not appreciated by the folks who planted their gardens early. As I said, it's like November. Let's hope June will warm us up a little.

The poor little hummingbirds look like they are suffering from hypothermia.

Carolyn Hill Taylor and her granddaughters took part in a dance recital at Merrill Auditorium in Portland. Carolyn, who will never see 39 again, can tap dance with the best of them. She has a "good heart" in more ways than one.

Dick Angevine found a beautiful Jack in the Pulpit under his apple tree. Buster Williamson has a secret spot in the woods with his favorite lady slippers in full bloom. I have an enormous patch of noxious weeds and dandelions, thriving superbly.

The "Bird of the Week" should be the snow goose, penguins, or Arctic terns, it's been so cold. The stunning little hummingbird sipping icy nectar at the feeder is our choice, however.

Happy Birthday to Al Gagnon, who hit the big "eight oh" on Monday, May 31.

Andover



by
Joan
Stinson-Carney

Get ready, this is one of the columns that I hate to do, but every once in a while it is necessary. I hate columns filled with names, names, names, but I'm told this is what sells newspapers, so I guess you will have to bear with it for today.

The Andover Alumni Banquet was held last Saturday evening. One hundred fifteen alumni, friends, and seniors were served an excellent chicken pie dinner. Sharon Briggs Farrington, aided by a hardworking crew, cooked and served the really, really good dinner. Sharon, how much will it cost me to get your receipt for cream puffs?

Seniors attending were Jennifer Arsenault, Ben Bailey, Erin Farrington, Lindsey Farrington, Heather Glover, Peter Poor, Ashley Stambolis, and Elizabeth Witt.

A get-together hour before the dinner was well attended. Beverly Swan and Trudy Akers presided over the punch bowl.

It's a lot of fun to have people try to guess who you were 45 years ago. One gentleman, who shall remain nameless, came right out and told me that I couldn't be who I said I was.

Anyway, Lindsey Farrington spoke for her class

and each senior introduced their parents. Alumni Association President Dorothy Merrill Roberts '48 toasted the seniors, and she and Treasurer Ronald White greeted the guests.

The Rev. Jane Rich read a list of deceased alumni, and also included other deceased Andover residents who had not had the good fortune to attend Andover schools. After dinner, the awards were given.

President Roberts presented the Alumni \$50 cash award to students with the highest grades in math: freshman Jennifer Learned, sophomore Cynthia Farrington, junior Matthew Mills, and senior Elizabeth Witt.

Lindsey Farrington received \$50 for the highest rank in Senior Science.

The Andover Friday Club Book Awards for Desire, Motivation, and Faithfulness were awarded to freshman Jennifer Learned, sophomore Blake Conrad, junior Lacey Gammon and senior Erin Farrington.

The East Andover Community Club \$50 cash award for Leadership, School Activities, Cooperation, Character and Scholarship was awarded to Lindsey Farrington.

The Alyson Hodson \$25 cash award for Excellence in Junior Literature was awarded to Frank Emerson.

The Remington \$100 Cash Award for The Second Highest Ranking Senior was presented to Elizabeth Witt.

The Anna Thurston Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 Award was given to Ashley Stambolis.

The Michael Marston Book Award for Outstanding Region 9 Student in Building Construction went to Ben Bailey.

The Walter Fox Book Awards for Scholarship, Faithfulness and Conduct were presented to Joel Putnam, sixth grade; Whitney Mills, seventh grade; Justin Woods, eighth grade; Jessica Putnam, freshman; Cynthia Farrington, sophomore; Lauren Barletta, junior; and Lindsey Farrington, senior.

The \$300 Andover Service Circle Essay Award was presented to Jennifer Arsenault.

The John and Eunice Fox \$2,000 Prize Scholarship Award was presented to Lindsey Farrington.

The Sweat Family Scholarship Award was given to James Farrington.

Presenters of the awards were Violet Swain, Belinda Poor, Patricia Meek, Wendell Sweatt, Daniel Remington, Freeman Farrington, John Fox, and the Reverend Jane Rich.

The eldest alumnus present was Wendell Sweat, Class of 1930. Alumni from the classes



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of 1940, 1950, and 1960 were recognized. Sharon Coolidge Hutchins, Class of 1967, was the Alumna of the Year, a well-deserved honor. Alumni came from as far away as South Carolina, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Treasurer Ronald White enlivened the evening by playing the piano, Ethelene Silver Merrill, Class of 1939, Melvin Akers, Class of 1954, and Senior Lindsey Farrington spoke briefly, and door prizes were awarded.

Pastor John O'Keefe gave the Benediction and another Alumni Banquet came to a close. I want to personally thank Violet Swain for the above information. The comments I'll take the blame for.

The Snow Valley Diner opened its doors last Friday, and of course I had to go check it out. It's hard for me to not call it the All Season's Restaurant, but the food, and service were excellent. Owners Kirsten and Andrew Perham definitely have done a great and exhausting job of getting the diner open. Now if Kirsten can only learn how to spell. Check it out, I think you will like it.

Andrea Savitz, president of the Andover Service Circle, urges all able-bodied citizens in Andover to join in the Community Clean-up this coming Saturday, June 5. It's one way we can help make Andover shine in time for our 200 Birthday Party. People willing to help should be in front of the Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. Wear something orange for safety's sake. Rubber gloves and plastic bags will be supplied. There will be refreshments served for all workers at the Town Hall at 11 a.m. See ya.

Whether Mr. Cole feels he has been set up or led down the garden path unfortunately is not the issue. The issue is that, as a public official, he should have made "No Comment" his watchword and song and he didn't. And as a person he said some very unkind things. It remains to be seen if the people he is supposed to serve are kinder and more forgiving than he is — and the next time he needs to get things off his chest perhaps the Confessional is a better place to do it. And then again, maybe not, in this day and age some defrocked priest may make his fortune revealing all those "secrets."

Now to more mundane things. Lorene and I had dinner, Tuesday evening, with Debbie and Owen Brown. Debbie had fixed a delicious pot roast with all the fixings. We even had fresh asparagus out of the Browns' garden. Owen went off after dinner to Deacon's meeting at Praise Assembly of God and Lorene and Debbie had a good time creating more scents with the essential oils that Debbie uses making her soaps and stuff, while I "studied" for the class on the "Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren, that the pastor conducts Wednesday evenings at the church. I put the word studied in quotes because I spent more time sleeping than I did studying. Debbie's couch is much too comfortable.

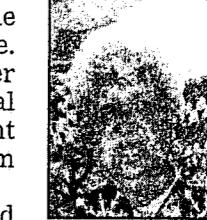
I got word last week that my

son-in-law, Jonathan Smith, had been in the hospital all week with a bowel obstruction that was related somehow to the stomach stapling he had done last year. The doctors were not sure just how they would be able to remove it because the x-rays were cloudy due to the gas buildup in his stomach. However, on Monday, they were able to remove it without having to open him up using, as Marcia put it, a "rotor router." Well, actually she tried to use the word laparoscopy or some such thing but decided the other word was more descriptive and easier to say. The important thing is it saved him a major surgery and he is on the mend and feeling better.

will have him riding them before the summer is out. The Gallietas from Yarmouth will be at Praise Assembly of God Sunday evening, June 6 at 6:30, giving a concert. There is a mother, father, and two teenaged daughters who sing and play instruments. They also have another little girl they call "Oops" who is four. She helps by being cute and making friends, but I expect she will join her family in the singing department before very long. She seems to be quite musical. Anyhow, everyone is invited that would like to come. The church is not hard to find, just go to Rumford Corner and turn left onto the East Andover Road and it's less than two miles in.

Another monthly supper and dance will take place at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on Gore Road on June 8, starting at 5:30 p.m. Following the meal the Parisians will play for the dancing until 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 for ages 12 and up, \$3 for under age 12.

Greenwood City



by
Rena Curtis

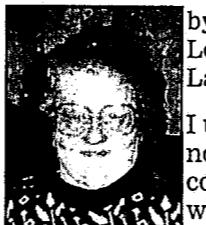
Doesn't seem possible May is about gone. This year is going fast.

We're still having rain and fog. Hope it will clear out for the weekend.

Ann Holt took her parents to Norway on business recently. Ann Holt and David Holt had dinner with their parents, Leonas and Fay Holt, on Sunday.

Marie Curtis and I went to Norway shopping Friday. Had lunch down there. Saturday night my grandson, Nick Strait of Bath, called on me, also my grandson, Timmy Curtis and Jasselle and his friend, Darcey Tyler. Sunday, my daughter and husband, Lillian and Glen Strait, were here, also Albert and Marie Curtis and Carl Curtis. We all had a good time. My grandson, Kenneth Curtis, called on me. He has just had an emergency operation and is getting along well. My oldest girl, Evelyn, just got home from the hospital from having an operation. She is gaining. My son, Ray, also my son, Kenneth, called

Locke Mills



by
Lorraine
Larson

I usually try not to make comments on what goes on in Bethel as I don't live there any more and haven't for more years than I care to count; but, this week's paper has certainly generated more interest than I have heard since a person, who shall remain nameless, made rather a stir when he was not too kind about the intelligence of the children of farmers and woodsmen who went to the only institute of higher learning available in Bethel at the time. It may have inspired a frenzy of learning as the top

I got word last week that my

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me. Just got word tonight that Leona Whitman of Texas is in the hospital quite sick. She is a sister to Colista Morgan.

We have a stray hound running around here without a collar.

Here's a thought, "You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing."

That's it for this week. Hope you had a nice holiday weekend.

North Newry



by
Gil Seeley

On our way to visit Ras, Karlene Bacheider and I saw and almost hit a young moose on the Bear River Road. It ran right in front of the car. A couple of days before, she almost hit a wild turkey. Go slow on Bear River Road. Maybe a deer, a bear, a cat, a rabbit or a skunk could be crossing the road in front of you.

Call to worship was held Sunday morning, May 23, at 9 a.m., at the Newry Community Church with Pastor Rodney Hanscom at the pulpit and daughter Nancy at the organ. Thought for the day and scripture readings by the "Faithfuls." The message of the day was, "Two prisons, two prayers and one delivery," from PS 97: "Ye that love the Lord, hate evil; He preserved the souls of his saints; He delivered them out of the hands of the wicked." A prayer followed, hymns sung, benediction and postlude, amen.

Ed Powers and Retta Berry



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had their annual Memorial Day picnic. Family and friends from Newry, Bethel, Rockport, Mass., and Greenwood attended.

The annual Town of Newry trip to Storyland in Glen, N.H., is scheduled for Saturday, June 19. Newry children ages 4 to 18 will be admitted free if you call the Town Office (824-3128) before June 14 to sign up for the trip. Adults accompanying their children need to remember to bring \$16 in cash if they'd like to get in for the group rate. Group meets at the gate at 8:45 a.m. sharp.

Newry Mothers Club members and anyone who would like to go to supper at Town and Country Inn on June 9, please meet at 6:30 p.m. at the inn. For more information, call Nancy Wight at 824-2441.

Gretchen, Bill and Melissa Straus of Waterford, Stephen and Marlene Wight of Old Town, David and Anne Wight of Greenbush, spent Mother's Day with their parents, Bill and Sylvia Wight, here in North Newry and enjoyed a cookout in the backyard.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 15, for Julia Goodwin, a graveside service at the Cemetery Center, East Thorndike. About 50 relatives and friends were there. Afterward, they all went to the American Legion Hall in Unity for a buffet and reminiscence, etc. Julia passed away a couple of months ago. She was Karlene Bacheider's mother.

Waterford



by
Rockie Graham

For those who asked and others who wondered, I did submit a column last week, but there was so much news that only those columns that were time

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related were put in. So this is a revival of last week topped with this week.

After finally getting the much-needed rain, at times it seemed a little too much, the plants and flowers and the grass is growing like wildfire. The rest of us feared mold, but we all survived fine and got to enjoy a sunny weekend. It was a little windy and cold, but it was just delightful not to have rain. We, like many others, enjoyed a great barbecue on Monday. It was nice to have friends and family over to visit and to eat.

The Waterford Transfer Station, after polling for two weeks, is going back to the old Sunday hours of 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The patrons were overwhelmingly in favor of the old hours. Some were wanting to get it over with so they could get on with their day; others wanted to be able to go to the races or watch favorite sports programs on TV. Those who wanted to come after church lost out and I do apologize for that, but we are open all day on Saturday and expanded hours on Tuesday and Thursday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. See you there.

There is a bottle drive June 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit the Ball Field Project. FMI or for pick up, call Jeff or Corinna Beebe at 583-2724 or Tom or Sam Murch at 583-2553. Check out the ongoing project as you drive down Route 118.

The Waterford Library is having a book sale. To donate used but in good repair books, call Betsy at 583-6967.

Congratulations to Waterford's Derrick Pike for receiving a scholarship from the Masons. He'll be attending University of Maine.

A reminder to all residents of Waterford, Albany, Stoneham and Mason that new Transfer Station stickers are a must. Starting June 1 no one will be allowed to leave trash or other items without the new sticker.

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It is red. See your town office to get one. Summer residents must do the same.

Expect to see milfoil inspectors at Keoka Lake. They are trying to prevent milfoil from infiltrating the lake. They should also be present at all other area lakes.

That is all for this week. Next week should provide updates. Have a great week.

Hanover



by Clem
Worcester

The June 8 referenda and party candidate voting will be next

Tuesday at the Hanover Town Office at 21 Ferry Road. Polls open at 10 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. Absentee voting is available to those who cannot make it in on Tuesday.

When the old Knights of Pythias Hall was sold several years ago, the Community Hall Association donated most of the income from the sale to Region 9 School of Applied Technology in Mexico to be used as a scholarship.

This year, for the first time, a scholarship was issued from the funds to a student, Aaron Robin, a Mountain Valley High School senior, was selected for the award. Aaron demonstrated outstanding effort during two years in the metal trades program at Region 9 and plans to attend post secondary school.

The remaining funds from the sale of the KP Hall to Just a Hobby Antiques were donated to the moving project for Gardner Roberts Memorial Library.

Work continues to raise funds to move the building from the Howard Pond Road to a site on the Ferry Road.

Other students from the area who are high school seniors this year are Lindsay Pitcher, a student at Mountain Valley, the daughter of Carrie McPherson and Tom Pitcher; Casey Fleet, a student at Telstar Regional High School,

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Christen Mason
Town Clerk

the son of Jeffery and Sheila Fleet; and Zachary Martin, the son of Helene Pitcher and Joe Martin. Congratulations.

The Hannawalls have returned to Howard Pond for the summer, as have Bruce and Viola Schneider and William and Mary Morgan. Irv and Barbara Robinson are now at Rocky Retreat.

The sounds of "play ball" could be heard this week as the Rumford Point baseball teams opened their seasons. The Babe Ruth team, coached by Dan Stearns and Jeff Fleet, opened at Dixfield on Sunday night. Led by three-year players Corey Devoe, Jared Davis, Steve Scotti, Zach Thibodeau, Gary Rumley and Travis Morton, this team should contend for the Tri-County Babe Ruth title. Home games at the Rumford Point field are June 6, 7, 13, 20, 27 and 28.

Little league, coached by Fred McPherson and Mike Morton, played their first home game Tuesday night vs. Oxford Federal Credit Union. The next home game will be June 8.

Farm league, coached by Matt Burnham, played their first home game Wednesday night. Home games are June 13, 14 and 29 and July 5. All local fans are invited to Rumford Point field on the Martin Road to cheer the home teams to victory. There have been many improvements made to the field this season including a new outfield fence. The Rumford Point Community Athletic Association would like to thank R.J. Cote Heating and Fuel, Huckleberry Corner Ice Cream, Western Maine Internal Medicine and Franklin Savings Bank for helping with this project.

West Paris



by
Bertha DeHaas
"Singspiration" was held Sunday night at the West Paris Baptist Church with

Maurise Veatch at the piano and a good group of "singers" who enthusiastically praised the Lord in song. Guest musicians for the evening were Richard G. Felt, Dorothy Canwell, Yvonne Nowlin and Bertha DeHaas. Refreshments were enjoyed after the service.

As the month of May is completed, the month of June has a whole new curriculum for us to master.

West Paris Grange 298 meets at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, for election of officers and a Memorial program. Refreshments afterwards.

West Paris Old Home Days are June 4, 5 and 6, with many activities including rides, the fish pond, the children's parade on Friday at 5 p.m., the big parade on Saturday at 10

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a.m. and much, much more. The West Paris Alumni High School Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 5, at the Agnes L. Gray School Gymnasium. Social hour from 4 to 5 p.m. Lineup at 5 p.m., and seat by clan, brief business meeting at 5:30 p.m., banquet at 6 p.m., followed by presentations, 50-50 drawing and door prizes.

The Agnes L. Gray School and Legion Memorial School are going to be on a very hectic schedule for the remainder of their school year.

On June 3, students from the Agnes L. Gray School will travel to Kettle Cove for a marine biology type of science program.

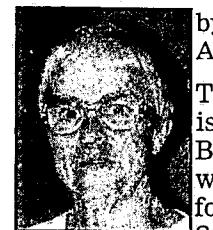
On June 7, grades K through six will go to Range Pond in Poland for their annual field day.

On June 9, we will be treated to a play by the second grade, more details to follow next week.

On Friday, June 11, the annual awards day will be held at the Agnes L. Gray Gymnasium. Come out for this and the play and support your children and grandchildren. They need our support and encouragement.

West Paris Baptist Church Sunday School will hold their end-of-year program and cookout on Sunday, June 13, at the church.

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

The Universalist Church of Bryant Pond will be open for

Sunday morning

worship services at 9 a.m. for the month of June, starting June 6, and Shirley Miller will be guest lay pastor. Mary Ellen Gartner will serve as the organist. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Services have been planned by members, Evelyn T. Bean, Edwin and Louise Howe, who have a great interest and desire to continue a 9 a.m. worship service, as was the tradition for many years.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5:15 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting. Thursday

morning at 9 a.m. is Ladies Bible Study. Pastor Laurence Hodgkins will be the new pastor starting on June 13. Sunday, June 6, there will be a Gideon speaker in the morning service.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet today at the Colonial Restaurant in Bridgton for dinner.

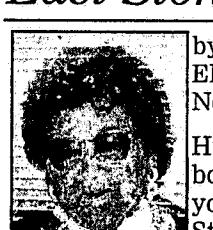
The Woodstock High School Alumni Banquet will be held at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills. Date is June 12, Saturday, at 6 p.m. All Woodstock alumni welcome. Special guests are classes of 1934, 1944, 1954 and Telstar seniors from Woodstock and Greenwood.

The Woodstock Historical Society members had a clean-up day at their museum recently to get ready for summer. Those helping were Annella Burnham, Elaine Roberts, Ruth Cox, Mary, Larry and Paul Billings. Thanks to all. Annella Burnham also planted flowers in the urn out front. The museum will be open Saturday afternoons, 1 to 4 p.m. from June to September. They encourage you to visit. Don't forget there will be a flea market July 10. You may rent a space for \$3 if you supply your own table. You may also donate items to Ruth Cox for the society to sell. Curator Larry Billings thinks the 25th season is off to a good start. He thanks the ones who helped clean and all who volunteered to watch the museum. Everything is in order for the public to enjoy.

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East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson

Hi everybody. Have you seen the Stoneham bear this year? Eloise Vail, Bonney and Frankie Vail saw him one day last week. This was probably the same bear that Troy Nelson, Joan Grover and Vicki Pike saw a while ago. I guess I am not in the right place or right time to see him.

Molly Nelson put her horse, "Possum," in the horse show at Andover last Sunday, the 22nd, and he and she got first in one thing and several other

points. He had never been in a show before. Good job, Molly.

Brenda Files, Mary Saunders and Betty Morrison went to Bridgton one day last week and took part in the Indian Tribe Music Festival. They played the drums and sang songs with them and had a great time.

On Sunday, May 23, 10 members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War Hannah F. Richardson Tent 19 met at the Stoneham Church and marched in with the flags and attended the church services together. Afterward, they went to the honor roll on the church lawn and Marilyn Jones led the members and friends in a nice Memorial program honoring the veterans of the Civil War and all other wars.

On May 26, seven members of the planning board met at the Town Office to review several permits and discuss. Derek DeSanctis does a good job in heading this up and checking things out.

The next column will be in June already. June and July are busy months with lots of things going on.

By the way, I did find a five-year diary from a catalog company through a new friend from Washington.

We were sad to learn of the death of our friend, Connie Whitemore from North Lovell and Massachusetts. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family and friends.

South Woodstock



by Andrea Wing

Congrats to Tara Monzo, OHCHS, and Alexis Grover, THS, on their graduation from high school. Much luck to you both. Also, congratulations to Tara Monzo for making honors this term.

Patrice Dunn has returned home to California after spending a week with her parents, James and Evelyn Dunn. Patrice is my niece and I had several nice visits with her while she was in Maine.

Joan Poland put on a nice luncheon for Tommy Poland's birthday this past week. Those attending were Evelyn Dunn, Andrea Wing, Joan and Lorrie Hoeh.

walk during her participation in the Avon Breast Cancer walkathon a couple of weeks ago. You should read the nice write up she has on her Web page at the Avon Web site.

I'm sorry to report that our cat, Billy, died. We miss him terribly. Our other cat, Daisy, looks for him all the time wondering where he has gone.

The state highway signs crew is putting up new stop signs at the corner. The others were pretty bad and needed replacing.

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Quote of the week: "I've learned that you can keep going long after you think you can't."

Albany



by Dana & Sheila Dyke

Hello and greetings from Albany Township. We hope that everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend, with the official kick-off of the summer tourist season. There were a lot of yard sales going on this past weekend. Keep your eyes open, as the Albany Church will be having their yard sale soon, as well as the start of the season's public suppers.

This Saturday is our CMA chapters Ride Against Hunger which will benefit the Good Shepherd Food Bank. We are still looking for sponsors to help donate to this most worthy cause. And, of course, riders for the event as well. We will be assembling at the Auburn Mall (in the back where the Porteaus store used to be) at 10 a.m. on the 5th (rain or shine) and will be riding out at 10:45 to the GSFB building. The cost per rider is \$10. Remember, that for each \$1 donated, the Food Bank can purchase \$12 worth of food. Sixty-five thousand people in the state of Maine benefit from this organization, which supplies 491 food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters from one location.

Lorrie Hoeh had a successful

walk during her participation in the Avon Breast Cancer walkathon a couple of weeks ago. You should read the nice write up she has on her Web page at the Avon Web site.

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Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Mason



by Richard Grover

There have been numerous reports of bears raiding people's birdfeeders recently, including Polly and Bob Davis, who have photos to prove it. There is even one mother bear with three cubs, who seem to be making the rounds. It is pretty unusual for a bear to have three surviving cubs. Mona and I saw them in the road near Herb Lyon's orchard about a week ago, and friends report seeing them in West Bethel. I think they cover a pretty wide area in their search for snacks enough to satisfy four hungry bears.

Once again, the Memorial Day Ceremony in Bethel was a memorable one, with the many tributes to our fallen comrades. Did you notice how our veterans stood in honor of their service's theme song as the Mahoosuc Music Makers played the medley of service songs? I noticed that three World War II army vets even stood when the Marines Hymn was played. I won't embarrass

them by giving out their names. I'm sure Frank Gibson will do that when he hears about it.

I am concerned about the mentality of millions of Americans who have nothing better to do than pay good money to watch feature-length animated films. Surely there must be entertainment out there somewhere that provides a little more cerebral stimulation than "Shrek."

From the

Bethel Library

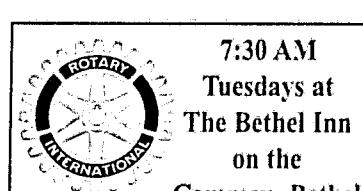
April 18-24 marked our country's 45th "National Library Week." The Bethel Library celebrated with the arrival of a late spring flurry of 27 gifts to its 2003-2004 Annual Fund.

To date, the fund, which seeks \$14,000 to replenish the Improvement Fund and to support new acquisitions, equipment and staff compensation, has received \$13,665 in gifts and pledges. Very gratifying progress indeed.

April and May donors include: Doug and Andrea Alford, Bethel; Brad and Judy Barker, Bethel, in memory of Gwen Currier; Kenneth and Gwyneth Bohr, Bethel; Colleen Boyd, West Bethel; Joe and Penny Cardello, Bethel; Edward and Patricia Carter, Bethel; Bill and Meg Cousins, Bethel; Eugene and Huguette Davis, Bethel; Peter and Mary-Ellen Gartner, Bryant Pond; Jeri and Jerry Greenwell, Bethel; Joan Hall, Bryant Pond; Rob James, Bethel; Pauline Jordan, Bethel; MeadWestvaco Specialty Paper, Rumford; Nancy and David Murphy, Bethel, in memory of Kathleen and William M. Murphy; George and Danna Nickerson, Bethel, in memory of Donald S. Brown; Oxford Networks, Buckfield; Suzanne and Bruce Pierce, Bethel; Riverview Resort, Bethel; Susan Roberti, Bethel; Sunday River Skway Corp, Newry; Samuel and Natalie Timberlake, Bethel; Western Maine Supply, Bethel; Owen and Sue Wight, Newry; and Ronald and Joan Willard, Springfield, Va., in memory of J. Jay and Melva Willard.

To now, the 201 Annual Fund gifts have been received from 177 individuals and families as well as 24 area businesses. The Annual Fund remains open until June 30. Contributions may be directed to the Bethel Library Association, P.O. Box 130, Bethel, ME 04217-0130. Thank you.

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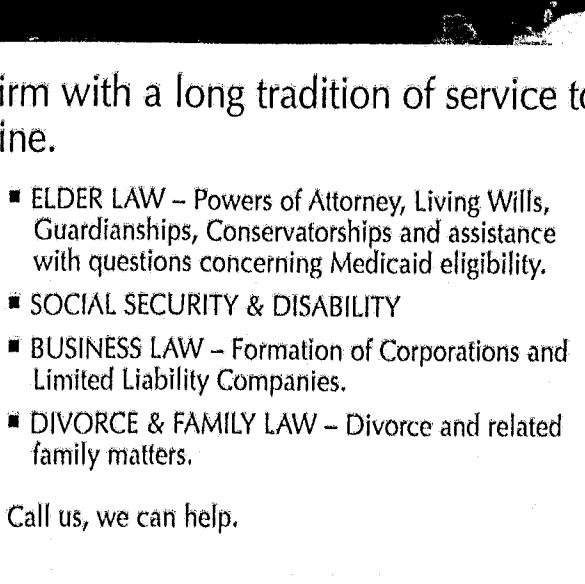
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MSAD #44 BUDGET EXPLANATION

To the Voters of MSAD #44

On behalf of the M.S.A.D. #44 Board of Directors, I am pleased to present you with a summary of the proposed 2004-2005 school budget. Also included in this mailing is a summary of the ballot questions and the explanations that you will see when you vote on June 8.

The budget summarized here has been carefully reviewed. Throughout the entire budget building process, the emphasis has been on maximizing educational opportunities for our students while remaining cognizant of the potential impact to the taxpayer. The budget that the School Board is presenting to you this year reflects an increase of 4.86% to the General Fund budget and 1.04% to the Adult Education budget.

The referendum vote will be held on June 8, 2004. The hours and locations of the various polling places are included in this mailing.

I would urge you to review the enclosed information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 824-2185. The School Board joins me in asking for your support of this budget.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Murphy, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Ballot Questions and Explanations

Article 1: Shall the District appropriate \$6,214,446 from the foundation allocation for school purposes for the year 2004-2005 and shall the District raise \$3,943,154 as the local share of the foundation allocation? Board of Directors recommends a "Yes" vote. *This appropriation entitles the District to receive \$2,271,292 in State funds.*

Article 2: Shall the District appropriate \$375,308 from the debt service allocation for the year 2004-2005 and shall the District raise \$246,031 as the local share of the debt service allocation? Board of Directors recommends a "Yes" vote. *This appropriation entitles the District to receive \$129,277 in State funds.*

Article 3: Shall the District raise \$1,636,880 in additional local funds under the provisions of 20-A M.R.S.A.1561A for 2004-2005? Board of Directors recommends a "Yes" vote. *This is the amount needed, in addition to Articles 1 and 2, to operate the schools.*

Article 4: Shall the District authorize the Board of School Directors to expend \$9,339,839 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, from the foundation allocation, debt service allocation, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, local appropriations, state subsidy, and other receipts for the support of schools? Board of Directors recommends a "Yes" vote. *Articles 1, 2, and 3 raise the money and this Article authorizes the Board to expend it.*

Article 5: Shall the District appropriate \$222,371 for adult education for the year 2004-2005 and shall the District raise \$102,743 as the local share? Board of Directors recommends a "Yes" vote. *This Article raises the money for the Adult Education Program and authorizes its expenditure.*

Article 6: In addition to the amounts under Articles 1-5, shall the District authorize the Board of School Directors to make applications for, accept and expend on behalf of the School District all gifts, advances, grants and aid, or other funds for educational purposes received from the U.S. Government, the State of Maine, any private or public agency or any individual? Board of Directors recommends a "Yes" vote. *This Article permits the Board to apply for and expend grants, etc.*

Note: This budget does not include the estimated amount of \$710,500 in employer share of teacher retirement costs that is paid directly by the State.

MSAD #44 General Fund Budget Explanation

Category	Function	Description	FY 04 Budget	FY 05 Proposed	FY04/FY05 Incr/Decr
Guidance	212	This includes all guidance costs for district schools.	309,991	321,726	11,735
Health	213	District nursing services and related items are included in this amount.	66,048	68,115	2,067
Educational Development	221	District-wide educational development.	18,902	37,500	18,598
Library & AV	222&223	This account includes all library and audio-visual expenses in the district.	159,384	129,018	(30,366)
School Board	231	School Board stipends, travel, supplies, dues and fees are covered in this account. The contingency provision remains at \$50,000 and may only be used with specific Board approval.	98,175	96,100	(2,075)
Central Office	232	District-wide benefit administration, Central Office supplies, salaries, etc.	415,365	438,497	23,132
Administration	241	Funds in this account are for the individual school offices. This includes salaries for principals and secretaries: phones, postage, course reimbursement, office supplies, etc.	533,536	581,390	47,854
Buildings, Grounds & Maintenance	260, 262&263	Building maintenance costs. Long Range Capital Improvement Plan costs, salaries and benefits for custodial and maintenance staff and grounds maintenance costs are in this account.	1,137,008	1,213,934	76,926
Transportation	272 & 273	Transportation related costs including salaries, benefits, fuel, bus repairs, bus leases, field trips and late runs.	786,207	799,641	13,434
Recertification	281	The funds to operate the State mandated teacher recertification program are in this account.	4,000	4,000	-
Debt Service	510	The principal and interest payments for Crescent Park School, Telstar Water/Sewer Project and initial interest payment for the new Telstar Track/Renovation Project are in this account.	395,096	474,347	79,251
K-8 Instructional	110	All K-8 instructional costs are in this account. This includes negotiated salaries and benefits, supplies, texts, av materials, equipment, etc.	2,582,739	2,597,144	14,405
9-12 Instructional	120	All 9-12 instructional costs are in this account. This includes negotiated salaries and benefits, supplies, texts, av materials, equipment, etc.	1,125,217	1,202,149	76,932

MSAD #44 General Fund Budget Explanation

Category	Function	Description	FY 04 Budget	FY 05 Proposed	FY04/FY05 Incr/Decr
Special Educ.	200	All K-12 Special Education costs are in this account. Programs for Special Education are determined by law and regulation. This account includes negotiated salaries and benefits, supplies, texts, equipment and all costs associated with the new Gifted and Talented program that is being implemented in the district.	887,263	950,041	62,778
Vocational	300	Region 9 Vocational Ed. costs are in this account.	214,329	229,642	15,313
K-8 Co-Curricular Athletics	400	This account includes all salaries for the K-8 co-curricular and athletic programs.	45,980	51,140	5,160
9-12 Co-Curricular Athletics	421	This account includes all salaries and officials' fees for the K-12 co-curricular and athletic programs.	93,850	111,455	17,605
Food Service	910	This amount of money is the district subsidy for the food service program.	34,000	34,000	-
Total			8,907,090	9,339,839	432,749 4.86%

MSAD #44 School Board Members and Referendum Locations

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Keith Farrington ~ 392-1235
John Percival ~ 392-4681
Sidney Pew ~ 392-1301
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Elaine Cross ~ 824-2783
**Becky Cummings ~ 824-2781
Robert Everett ~ 836-2038
Jill Rundle ~ 824-4335
Cheri Thurston ~ 824-8922
Crescent Park School - 8 am to 8 pm

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Gerald Broomhall ~ 875-3305
Walter Brough ~ 875-2216
Richard Melville ~ 875-2451
Municipal Office - 10 am to 8 pm

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Bill Brown ~ 824-3566
Kathi Schandelmeier ~ 824-3283
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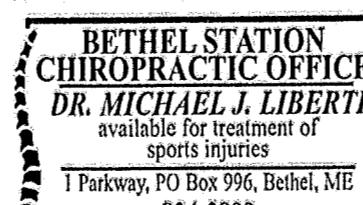


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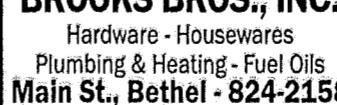


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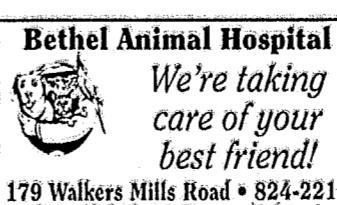


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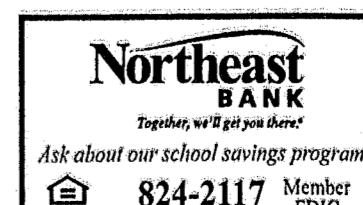


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From the
Andover
Historical Society

With the town's 2004 Bicentennial just around the corner, members of the Andover Historical Society have been meeting regularly to plan for the June 18-20 festivities.

For an organization that collects no dues, hands out no membership cards and welcomes anyone who attends a meeting, there is a need for volunteers at three different venues where historical treasures will be on display. These are at the Elm Street headquarters that will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 19, the East Andover schoolhouse open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 20, and the Andover Town Hall, adjacent to the historical society headquarters, that will be open all day Saturday and Sunday.

At meetings held on Tuesday, May 11, and Monday, May 24, it was stressed that those wishing to display items at the town hall, where security will be provided, should contact Beverly Swan (392-4742), Trudy Akers (392-3157), Norma Farrington (392-2652), Eda Perkins (392-4401) or Betsey White (392-1291). Andover Historical Society members will be on hand at the town hall from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday to accept items on loan. It was noted that donors of special items could participate at exhibits in all locations to explain significance of their heirlooms and provide bits of Andover history. There will be showcases for small articles, according to Swan.

In addition to discussing displays, progress on a special 2004 Bicentennial cookbook was reviewed. The volume will combine about 80 pages from a Sesquicentennial cookbook prepared by the Ladies Aid of the First Congregational Church in 1954 and nearly 300 recipes from cooks of today. The book, almost sure

to become a collector's item, will also contain historic vignettes and numerous photos from early family albums. It is expected that copies of "Memories of Andover" will be available by the Bicentennial weekend.

The Andover Historical Society held its first meeting on Sept. 29, 1975.

From the

Gilead
Bicentennial
Committee

On Saturday, June 26, history buffs will find something of interest in Gilead, when the town celebrates its 200th year as an organized town from the settlement that dates back to 1772. Events and attractions, beginning at 9 a.m. lasting until 5 p.m., will include historical displays, live music, games, various vendors, and a parade. Copies of the recently published "The Smile of Providence: A History of Gilead, Maine" will be on sale.

Outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers have enjoyed for years the natural beauty of Gilead, nestled at the intersection of Routes 2 and 113, straddling the Androscoggin, where it meets the Wild River, among the foothills of the Speckled Mountain and Mahoosuc Mountain range.

From the

Bethel Area
Chamber
of Commerce

Welcome to our newest members. They are: Home Team Inspection, Bo and Carol Boden, owners. Bo is a Certified Home Inspector, fully insured. He does residential and commercial

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Our second new member is SpiritWings, owners Kevin "Laughing Hawk" Pennell and Vickie Little Bird. They are located at 111 Main Street, Bethel and can be contacted at 824-2204 or via e-mail info@spiritwings.biz. They have a Web site to view www.spiritwings.biz. Kevin and Vickie offer several compassionate healing methodologies: Reiki, massage, Shamanic healing and Intuitive counseling. They also sell Native American-style crafts, smudging accessories, craft supplies and beads.

The third new member is The Maynard House, located at 531 North Road, Bethel. The owners are Steven and Melissa Maynard. They offer a self-catering ski rental home, sleeping six, located seven miles to Sunday River Ski Resort. They can be contacted at 836-2003 or via e-mail stevm_seakayak@hotmail.com.

Our member relations committee held a workshop on Building a Business Plan last Wednesday and they have another on Retirement Planning this Wednesday. Many thanks to Margo Reis from Key Bank/McDonald Investments for coordinating this.

Our monthly Community Networking Breakfast is scheduled for next Wednesday, June 9 from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Our guest speaker is Scott Olsen from the Maine Conservation School. All are welcomed to attend this event and offer updates on "what's new in your business and/or organization." An RSVP is requested by Tuesday, the 8th, to 824-2282 or info@bethel-chamber.org.

maaine.com. June's Business After Hours is scheduled for Thursday, June 17th at the Sudbury Inn. Make sure to mark it on your calendars.

From the

Mahoosuc
Arts Council

On Wednesday, June 9, the Mahoosuc Arts Council will hold its annual meeting at the home of Chairperson Chris Otten in Locke Mills. The annual meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The council would like to invite all interested members of the community to attend. This is an opportunity to meet with the Board of Directors and other council members and to share information and ideas. Please call the Mahoosuc Arts office (824-3575) if you need further directions to the annual meeting.

From the

Friends of West
Paris Library

As part of a tribute to the late Vernon Inman and Harlan Abbott of West Paris, the "Friends of the Library" are organizing a book signing by co-authors Tom and Steven Remington. Their popular book "The Legend of Grey Ghost and Other Tales from the Maine Woods" is filled with short, anecdotal stories of growing up in rural Maine and spending time with their fathers experiencing the never-ending wonders of the woods and learning to hunt.

Tom and Steven have spent years at the infamous hunting camp of the legendary Inman family of West Paris. Over fifty years ago, Milt Inman bought the old run-down camp and fixed it up so it could be

used as a hunting camp for his family and friends. It continues to this day, and if somehow the old cook stove there could talk, the stories would abound and quite possibly shock. Much of the book is a recollection of the events that transpired at that camp and in the woods surrounding it.

Of course Vernon Inman was a regular at camp and the subject of many of the stories told. His brother and owner of the camp, Milt, and Milt's very good friend, Vance Bacon, where featured this past fall on an episode of "Bill Green's Maine" in which Bill talks with both men about their 50-plus consecutive years at the Albany camp.

A poem that Vance wrote in November of 1982 is featured in the back of the book. The book is dedicated to Tom's father and Steven's grandfather, Clarence Remington, who died in 1975 and to Milt Inman, who both played an integral role in the lives of Tom and Steve. Both men have given of their time unselfishly toward others as Milt continues to give to this day. The honor is only fitting to two great men.

The history of the hunting camp is extraordinary to say the least and the characters that have assembled there over the years actually made the authors' work much easier. Many times writers struggle to create a fictitious character or find a real subject of interest to write about. In this case, all the unusual and oftentimes outrageous people really do exist.

Stories from the Albany hunting camp are not the only things written of in their book. Tom and Steve tell their parallel stories of growing up and learning to hunt from their fathers. The journey is similar to many that take place everyday in rural Maine but theirs is one that seems to find humor in nearly every aspect of it.

To make this book signing something special, the Friends of the Library thought it would be fitting to pay tribute to Vernon Inman and Harlan Abbott during the celebration of the West Paris Old Home Days where both men were much loved and missed by everyone. The book emphasizes the importance of father and son bonding — something Vernon could have written in his own book about. While Harlan is not a character in the book, the tales exemplify his love of hunting, family and being with friends.

The "Friends" are attempting to gather as many of the "characters" written about in the book along with the authors on Saturday, June 5, between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m. In addition to Milt and Vernon Inman's family, they hope to have locals Vance Bacon, Joe Perham and Dennis Doyon. The book signing will be held from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Friends of the Library invite everyone to stop by on Saturday and meet the authors and the people who have contributed to the book's success. Bring your copy of "The Legend of Grey Ghost" and get it signed by everyone present. If you don't have a copy, some will be available to purchase.

From the
Oxford County
Republicans

David Clough of Yarmouth, state director for the National Federation of Small Business, the nation's largest small business group with over 5,000 small business members in Maine, was the featured speaker on the topic of the Maine Legislature and small business. Clough, a native of Bangor and former special assistant to Congressman Bill Cohen in the 1970s, has

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been a lobbyist at the Maine Legislature since 1982. Small business is the backbone of the Maine economy according to Clough. On issues of taxes, workers' compensation, regulation, and health insurance, the Maine Legislature has over the past thirty years not been as supportive of small business in his view as it might have been.

During the business meeting, Becky Kendall, state committee woman and Stan Howe, state committeeman, thanked everyone who helped with ads for the State Convention program publication. The goal was more than met, ensuring that Oxford County would have front-row seating at the convention on May 14-15 in Augusta. Various candidates were present and spoke briefly, including Rob Cameron of Rumford, David Hastings of Fryeburg, and Caldwell Jackson of Oxford for the State Senate as well as Bruce Hanley of Paris, candidate for the Maine House, and House incumbents, Arlan Jodrey of Bethel, Randy Hotham of Dixfield, and Sawin Millett of Waterford. Earlon Jones of Fryeburg was introduced as the new town chair of that town, which will host the committee at the August meeting.

Dinner for this meeting was provided by the Hannibal Hamlin Women's Republican Club. The next meeting will be in Stoneham at the Congregational Church on June 15.

From the

Oxford County Democrats

More than 125 Oxford County Democrats attended the Maine Democratic Party Convention

held in Portland on May 21, 22 and 23. County Chairwoman Cathy Newell of Greenwood and state Sen. Bruce Bryant of Dixfield chaired the County Caucus, with John Jenness of Paris and Marge Medd of Norway serving as ballot clerks and India Haynes of Waterford serving as secretary. India Haynes also represented Oxford County on the Credentials Committee. Michael Broderick of Bethel was elected as an alternate for the National Convention pledged to Sen. John Kerry. Broderick was a volunteer in Kerry's first campaign for Congress and was his first Maine supporter in his campaign for president.

Candidates for office addressed the county caucus including Marge Medd for Senate 13, Bruce Bryant for Senate 14, Linda Petrie of Mexico for House District 93, Marlee Turner of Brownfield for House District 97, Roy Gedat of Norway for House District 95, Gordon Fuller of Denmark for House District 99. Jodi Carter spoke for her husband Tim Carter of Bethel for House District 91.

Cathy Newell spoke on behalf of John Patrick of Rumford, House District 92, Terry Hayes of Buckfield, House District 94, Margaret Reimer of Bridgton, House District 98 and David Ivey of Oxford, House District 100, who were unable to attend, as well as candidates for County Commissioner Fred Kennard of Rumford, George Driscoll of Bethel and Register of Probate candidate Price Hutchins of Lovell.

Oxford County led the floor demonstration for Congressman Mike Michaud with Bruce Bryant, India Haynes, Cathy Newell, Brian and Marina Sessions playing an

active role in leading the audience response to the excellent speech delivered by Maine's Second District Congressman.

The next meeting of the Oxford County Democrats will be on Thursday, June 24 in Porter. Doug Bowen and Pamela Pinault are arranging to host the meeting, which will include a potluck supper and business meeting. Anyone interested in participating in the 2004 campaign is asked to contact Chairwoman Newell at 875-2116.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

The Bethel Historical Society's House and Garden tour scheduled for June 18 and 19 will begin each day at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Nearly a dozen houses are included in the tour and the \$15 fee per person also covers lunch at the Dr. Moses Mason House. Houses on the tour are the Broad Street residences of Josiah and Joanna Drummond, Cindy and Bryan Adams, Frank and Jane Vogt, Ed and Mary Jo Kennett, Gail and William Frongillo, Charles and Edith Seashore, and Dr. Moses and Agnes Straw Mason. Also featured are homes in other parts of the town, including the Prodigal Inn & Gallery in Mayville, the Rivendell House in Kimball Park, the Engdahl House on Clark Street, and the Gamble House on Paradise Road. Tickets will go on sale at the O'Neil Robinson House at 9:30 a.m. each morning of the tour. Further information can be obtained by calling the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

On Thursday, June 10, David Chaplin of Brunswick will speak at the second of the society's Lecture Series

on "Cross-River Ferries in 19th and 20th Century Maine" in the lecture hall of the Dr. Moses Mason House, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Chaplin, a retired college professor, has studied ferries for several years. The series is free and open to the public.

The 25th annual Faye Taylor Memorial Art Show was held on May 29. The theme this year was "River Ferries on the Androscoggin." Winners were Division I (Grades 1 and 2), first, Alexus Broomhall, Crescent Park, Grade 2; second, Kiersten Drapeau, Crescent Park, Grade 2, third, Rose Goldberg, Crescent Park, Grade 1; Division II (Grades 3 and 4), first, Jessica Kay Casey, Crescent Park, Grade 3; second, Bear Brink, Crescent Park, Grade 3; Avery Rossow, Crescent Park, Grade 3; Division III (Grades 5 and 6), first, Grace Stover, Crescent Park, Grade 5; Elek Pew, Andover Elementary, Grade 5; Ashley Swan, Crescent Park, Grade 5. Judges were Tim Kavanagh, Jo Baker, and Sandra Clement. Cash prizes, ribbons and certificates of commendation were awarded to each winner. The show honors a founder of the Bethel Historical Society and encourages students to conceptualize the past with an artist's eye.

Also on May 29, the society held its annual St. Never's Day sale on Society Director Stan Howe's lawn. Volunteers who assisted with the sale included Grace McKivergan, Jay Boschetti, Nat Reade, Jarrod Crockett, and Cathy Hart. Many thanks to these volunteers and to everyone who donated saleable items for such a success. Over \$800 was realized to benefit the society.

On Monday, May 17, the first of several planning meetings was held at the Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center. Three museums have been selected by the Maine Humanities Council to host the Smithsonian exhibit "Barn Again! Celebrating An American Icon"

in 2005. The Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center is one, the others are The Saco Museum at Saco and the Musée Culturel du Mont-Carmel at Lille-Sur-St. Jean. Trudy Hickey of the Maine Humanities Council chaired the group, which included Director Don Sharland and two others from the Saco Museum, Don Cyr of the Lille site, who is also the project scholar, Deanne Herman of the Maine Department of Agriculture, and Erik Jorgensen of the Maine Humanities Council. Christi Mitchell of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission is also a member of the Planning Committee, but was unable to attend this meeting.

Discussions centered around what might be done locally to highlight this exhibit that has circulated nationally and in 2005 will arrive in Maine. Ideas proposed included lectures, contests, school projects, barn tours, art projects, farm equipment exhibits, quilting exhibits, barn dances, petting zoos, farm demonstrations, barn surveys, local farm history studies, photographic exhibits, architectural and preservation projects, husking contests, produce events, 4-H programs, Grange events, and conversations with farmers. Visitors also toured the facilities of the Bethel Historical Society and sampled some barn and farm videos. In 2005, the exhibit will be in Saco, April 7 through June 8; in Lille, June 15 through Aug. 12; in Bethel, Aug. 19 through Oct. 22.

From the July 29, 1847 issue of the "Christian Mirror" of Portland, is found the following: "We learn through J.H. Lovejoy, Esq., Postmaster at Albany, in Oxford County, that during a thunder storm on Tuesday the 13 inst, five valuable cows and four young cattle, nine in all, the property of Henry C. Lawrence and son of that town, were killed by lightning. Whether they were in the pasture or yard, near to or remote from any tree or elevated object, which could be supposed to have attracted the electric fluid, we have not been informed; nor is it of any consequence as to what is passed. But any knowledge of the circumstances, which could be applied for future

security of animal life, whether of man or beast, would be valuable."

From the

White Mountain National Forest

The White Mountain National Forest is continuing improvements at the Rocky Gorge Scenic Area. The projects involve the north access road, footbridge and the Lovequist Loop Trail.

Rocky Gorge Scenic Area is located nine miles west of Conway, N.H., on the Kancamagus Scenic Byway, Route 112.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of July. To the extent possible, the south entrance and the scenic area will remain open during construction.

New Hampshire Department of Transportation survey crews, heavy equipment, and construction vehicles will be in the area this summer. Please be alert along this section of the byway, and enter the area with caution. If walking the path be aware of your footing as the trail surface is under reconstruction.

The north entrance and access road has been closed and is being removed. Bus parking will not be available until the new lot is completed.

A portion of the existing road corridor will become an accessible trail. The remainder of the north access road will be reclaimed to safely separate vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

A replacement footbridge spanning the gorge is currently being constructed 75 feet downstream from the existing bridge. Also, portions of the Lovequist Loop Trail to Falls Pond will be improved to allow universal access. Four interpretive stations will be included along the trail's path.

In the future, the parking lot will be reconfigured to enhance both the safety of visitors and protection of the Swift River from vehicle contaminants.

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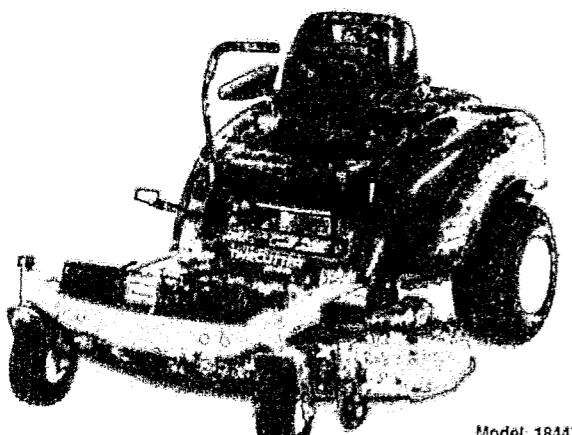
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Free Fishing Day

The US Forest Service invites all kids aged 15 and younger to the 13th annual Free Fishing Day in the White Mountain National Forest, Saturday, June 5.

This year's event is shaping up to be a great day for the family, with something for kids of all ages. Even the youngest anglers will have the chance to learn to fish, participate in the learning stations, and try their luck in the casting contest. Many community volunteers are coming together to host the learning stations, offer advice for new anglers, and to make sure everyone has a good time. Kids should bring an adult and their own gear.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with activities until noon. Families are welcome to stay and fish in the afternoon as well.

Wildcat Pond is located at Wildcat Mountain Ski Area on Route 16 south of Gorham, N.H. For more information call the US Forest Service at (603) 466-2713 ext. 232.

From

Bethel Boy Scout Troop 565

The Boy Scouts of Troop 565 of Bethel recently attended the Spring Camporee at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. The boys had a full day of competition and enjoyed some of Mother Nature's best fireworks in the evening.

The theme was "Feast for a King." The boys took first in the Bubble Gum relay and second in Tripods. They had six events to compete in and placed in two. Not bad because they were going against 20 other troops. When all the

points were tallied, the boys took third place overall as "Kings of the Kitchen," because of dinner meal and dessert.

From the

Bethel Rotary Club

The Bethel Rotary Club will celebrate its 30-year anniversary this June, and Rotary International will celebrate its 100th anniversary in February 2005.

To honor these two milestones, the Bethel club will erect a Victorian clock on land donated to the town by Key Bank at the corner of Main, High and Mechanic streets.

This gift will be a lasting memorial to the Bethel club's service to the town and Rotary International's commitment to helping people worldwide. Not only will it add beauty to our downtown area but will also be practical.

Clocks similar to the Bethel clock may be seen in Dixfield and Gorham, N.H.

Each year the Bethel Rotary Club gives out over \$7,000 in scholarships for deserving students, raises over \$10,000 for Christmas for Children, provides ongoing support for the Bethel Library and Bethel Exchange, hosts the annual Christmas luncheon for senior citizens and special projects such as installing home emergency response units, refurbishing the historic watering trough that now graces the common just to name a few.

The club would like to invite everyone to participate in this project by making a donation to the Bethel Rotary Club Fund, PO Box 471, Bethel, ME 04217.

We've already raised over one-third of the cost of purchase and installation and would appreciate any additional donations.

A gift to the clock fund is an affirmation of your belief that the Bethel Rotary Club is doing its job for Bethel and its residents.

The team improves to a 9-2 record on the season.

Telstar 10, Georges Valley 0; May 27— Telstar's Kurt Wight had two doubles and three RBIs in a win over Georges Valley. Josh Longway, August Reiss and Terry Collins each had two hits. Casey Fleet got the win on the mound, allowing only one hit in pitching a complete game.

High School Varsity Softball

Telstar 5, Jay 2; May 30— Telstar turned three double plays on the way to a Mountain Valley Conference Championship win over Jay. Jillian Kimball, who got the win on the mound, had a triple in the first inning. Ashley Stambolis drove in two runs with a single in the second inning.

Telstar 4, Georges Valley 3; May 27— Telstar concluded a perfect 14-0 regular season with a win over Georges Valley. Ashley Stambolis scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning on a fly ball by Meagan Lunney. Pitcher Jillian Kimball allowed only three hits.

High School Boys' Track

Mountain Valley Conference Championships, May 28— Telstar placed 11th of 13 teams in a meet won by Mountain Valley. Telstar's Mike Hoy placed second in the 200m (24.2); Charles Haines was fourth in the shot put (37-6 1/2); and Andrew Farrington placed fifth in the 3,200m (10:42.1) and sixth in the 1,600m (4:58.8).

High School Girls' Track

Mountain Valley Conference Championships, May 28— Telstar placed 12th of 13 teams in a meet won by Winthrop. The relay team placed sixth in the 1,600m (4:58.6) and eighth in the 3,200m (9:35.2).

TMS Softball

Telstar 24, Berlin, NH 21; May 27— TMS won their final game of the season, beating Berlin in a great battle. Candace Hall, Whitney Mills, and Vicki Rice combined to pitch for the win. Mills led the offense with 4 hits, 3 hits each for Abby Hutchins and Bailey Davis, 2 hits each for Josie Reiss, Katie Smith, and 1 hit for Rice, Hall, Sarah Field, Liz Merrill, Lindsay James, and Julia Stambolis. The team wraps up their impressive season with a 10-2 overall record and 7-1 in Conference play. "It was a pleasure to coach such a motivated and talented bunch of young athletes. Thank you to all of the parents, family, and friend for the awesome fan support both at home and away all season long," said coach Kenney.

TMS 33 Gorham, NH 3 (5 innings); May 25— Telstar's Whitney Mills pitched a complete game, giving up 3 runs, 6 hits, 1 walk, and striking out 2. The team collected 23 hits and 22 walks in the contest. Mills led the offense going 5 for 5 with 2 doubles, Josie Reiss added another home run to her season totals along with a double, Katie Smith, Abby Hutchins, Sarah Field, Lindsay James and Esther Pew had multiple hits, and Sam Largess, Liz Merrill, Abbie Cummings, and Bailey Davis added singles. The team improves to a 9-2 record on the season.

TMS 9, Livermore Falls 6; May 20— Telstar beat Livermore 9-6 in their last conference game of the season. A good pitching performance by Candace Hall, Liz Merrill, and Vicki Rice. Josie Reiss sparked the offense going four for four including a double and a home run. Bailey Davis added a home run and a single, Whitney Mills had two singles, Abby Hutchins had a triple and a single, Sarah Field had two hits, along with Julia Stambolis, Nikki Hughes, and Hall each with hits. The team finishes conference play with a 7-1 record and 8-2 record overall, with two games left on the schedule.



LEARNING TO RIDE SAFELY—The Andover Elementary School APT and Chase Cyclery joined up recently to host the annual Bike Rodeo at the school. Road rules were reviewed, bikes were inspected for mechanical flaws, a riding obstacle course was set up to help establish safe riding habits, and helmets were fitted. Helmets were provided free of charge to kindergarten students who did not have one. Chase Cyclery also provided helmets at cost to older riders who needed replacements. Many bike accessories and gift certificates were raffled off to participants. Here, Izaak Mills tests his balancing skills as Harley Wheeler waits his turn.

School Lunch — Week of June 7

Telstar and Middle School Lunches

Monday: Fried chicken dinner, smashed potato, veggies, biscuit. Special: cheeseburger pizza.

Tuesday: Baked bean dinner, side hot dog, dinner roll. Special: Pepperoni calzone.

Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatball dinner, salad, roll. Special: Tomato and black olive pizza.

Thursday: Bacon cheeseburger/bun, hash browns. Special: B.B.Q. chicken pizza.

Friday: Lasagna roll-ups, veggies, dinner roll. Special: hot sausage and cheese pizza.

Choice of milk and fresh or portioned fruit or fruit juice each meal.

SAD44 Elementary Schools Lunches

Monday: Cheeseburger/bun, french fries.

Tuesday: Boston baked beans, side hot dog, dinner roll.

Wednesday: Beef ravioli, tossed salad.

Thursday: Triple peanut butter/jelly sandwich, veggie sticks (ham and cheese at Woodstock).

Friday: Pizza squares, garden salad.

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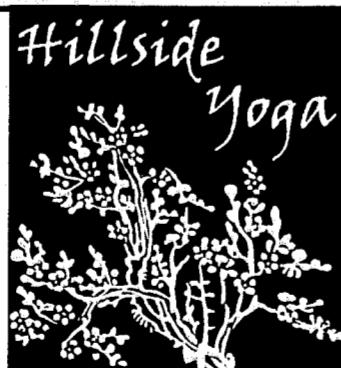


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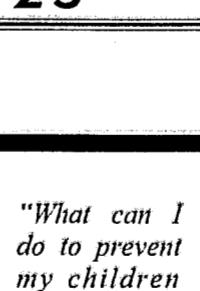
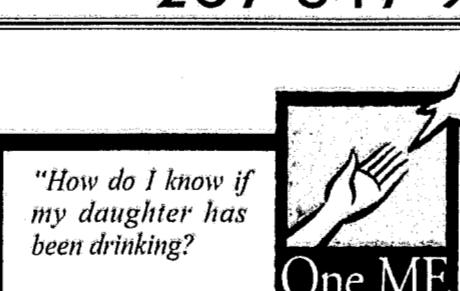
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THURSDAY EVENING JUNE 3, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) King	70s Show	WWE SmackDown!			News		Frasier		Spin City	
(32) 7th Heaven		Movie: "Addams Family Values"		Whose?	Whose?		The 700 Club			
(6) News	Seinfeld	Friends	Pepe	Will-Grace	Scrubs	ER		News		
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final Game 5 – Flames at Lightning				News				
(10) News-Lehrer	Old House	Made In	Frontline		Bringing Down a Dictator	Charlie Rose				
(22) SportsCtr.	NBA	NBA Basketball: Eastern Conf. Final – Pistons at Pacers			SportsCenter					
(34) Moments, NBA	Star Trek: Next Gener.	MXC	MXC	MXC	Moments, NBA					
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Joan of Arcadia	CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace	News				
(41) Sports	NASCAR	FOX One	The Best Damn Sports Show Period	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show				
(15) Movie: "The Laramie Project"		Harry Potter	Movie: "Femme Fatale"			Best of Real Sex				
(17) Sister, Sis. Lizzie		Movie: "Dinosaur"		Sister, Sis.	Boy World	Kim	Proud			
(18) "The Transporter" Cont'd		Movie: "What a Girl Wants"		Movie: "Anaconda"			Best Sex			
(20) Fan Attic			ESPNNews	ESPNNews	SportsPlus	ESPNNews				
(44) The Nanny	The Nanny	Providence		Movie: "In My Sister's Shadow"		What Should You Do?				
(5) Friends	MLB Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves			Movie: "Pleasantville"						
(24) Neutron	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne		
(25) "Nevada Smith" Cont'd		Movie: "Rooster Cogburn"		Movie: "Hannie Caulder"						
(26) Law & Order		Movie: "Happy Gilmore"		Movie: "Billy Madison"						
(27) American Justice	Cold Case Files			The First 48		Third Watch				
(12) Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "American Flyers"		WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker				
(39) Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight					

FRIDAY EVENING JUNE 4, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) King	Red Sox	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Kansas City Royals					Frasier		Spin City	
(32) 7th Heaven		Movie: "Down and Out in Beverly Hills"		Whose?	Whose?		The 700 Club			
(6) News	Seinfeld	Dateline NBC		Las Vegas		News				
(8) Minor League Baseball: New Hampshire Fisher Cats at Portland Sea Dogs		20/20		News						
(10) News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Maine.	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Black Adder	Wall	Now With Bill Moyers			
(22) SportsCenter	MLB Baseball: Houston Astros at St. Louis Cardinals			SportsCenter						
(34) Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek: Deep Space 9	CSI: Crime Scn						
(13) Friends	Ent. Tonight	Joan of Arcadia	JAG	48 Hours	News					
(41) Sports	NASCAR	America	The Best Damn Sports Show Period	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show				
(15) Movie: "Arachnophobia" Cont'd		Movie: "True Lies"		On the Record						
(17) So Raven, Lizzie	Movie: "Stuart Little"	Barbarian	So Raven	Kim	Proud					
(18) "One Hour Photo" Cont'd	Movie: "Double Team"		Movie: "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle"							
(20) Pregame Report	MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Kansas City Royals			Innings	Extra Inn					
(44) I Do Diaries: Instant Merge		Movie: "Where the Heart Is"		Merge						
(5) Seinfeld	Friends	Movie: "A Knight's Tale"		Movie: "A Knight's Tale"						
(24) Neutron	SpongeBob	Neutron	Phantom	ChalkZone	Robot	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne		
(25) The Boys in Company C	Movie: "Manhunter"			Movie: "They Live"						
(26) JAG	Law & Order		Law & Order		Touching Evil	Law & Order				
(27) American Justice	The Kobe Case	A&E in Concert			American Justice					
(12) Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Turn It Up"		WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker				
(39) Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight					

SATURDAY EVENING JUNE 5, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "American Outlaws"		News	Red Sox	Walker, Texas Ranger				
(32) Down and Out		Movie: "One Fine Day"		Movie: "This Time Around"						
(6) Maine	Seinfeld	The Restaurant	Law & Order	Law & Order	News	Sat. Night				
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final Game 6 – Lightning at Flames		News	Raceline					
(10) Railway Adventures Across Canada		Enter the Haggis: Live		Austin City Limits		Soundtrack				
(22) Triple Crown 2004	Chicago Dog Show	Detroit Dog Show	Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter					
(34) WWE Velocity	Trucks!	Trucks!	Horsepower	Horsepower	Car	Car	Ride	Ride		
(13) Children's Miracle Network Celebration			Entertainment Tonight		News	Two Men				
(41) Country Music Marathon	Boxing	Rahman vs. Ruiz	Beyond the Glory	I. Max	America	Showdown-Poker				
(15) "Just Married" Cont'd	Movie: "Bruce Almighty"		Movie: "Something the Lord Made"							
(17) So Raven, Lizzie	Movie: "Hocus Pocus"	Barbarian	So Raven	Kim	Proud					
(18) Star Wars: Episode II	Movie: "From Dusk Till Dawn"		Movie: "X2: X-Men United"							
(20) MLB Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Kansas City Royals			Innings	Extra Inn	PGA	ESPNNews				
(44) Movie: "That Old Feeling"		Movie: "Our Son the Matchmaker"			1-800-Missing</td					

Events Calendar

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 445 Main Street, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-9081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Q Gong classes offered at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway. Type of ancient Chinese gong is done with the breath to enhance internal energy and promote a sense of relaxation. Teacher: Beth Palmer.

June 4 Thru June 26. "Bearings," works by Mary Brookings, Westbrook-based artist, at Fare Share Commons, Norway. Public reception on Friday, June 4, 7 to 9 p.m.

Bethel Farmers Market — Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon at Bethel Family Health Center.

Scenic Heritage Boat Tours, Berlin, N.H., sponsored by Northern Forest Heritage Park, 961 Main Street (603) 752-7202 or heritage@ncia.net. Adults, \$10; age 6 to 12, \$5; under 6 free.

Even Saturday thru Sept. 25, 8 to 12 p.m. — Dance of Waterford Fairgrounds, North Waterford. \$8 per person. Live band music and refreshments on sale.

Wednesday, June 2

Noon — Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Colonial Restaurant in Bridgton for dinner out.

7 p.m. — "The Letter," a 75-minute documentary film about the dynamics of immigration that many cities and countries worldwide now confront will be shown at Norway Library. Discussion after. Free. FMI: 743-5309.

June 4-8

West Paris Old Home Days. Book signing by Pat Stewart (Friday), street dance, auto shows, music, wilderness class hike, fireworks, soapbox downhill racing, deep fried turkey dinner, pie baking contest and auction. Programs available.

June 4-5

7:30 p.m. doors open 7 p.m. — At Oddfellow Theater, Route 117, Buckfield: The Odd Company will feature requested favorites as well as new material by three international variety artists. Tickets: \$10, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for 12 and under. Tickets available at Northeast Bank, Buckfield, or by calling the theater at 336-3306 (Visa and MasterCard accepted).

Saturday, June 5

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. — National Trails Day Event at Bethel Outdoor Adventure Campground, Route 2, Bethel. Activities: avian program on birds of prey, introduction to wilderness medicine, hikes, knot tying, map and compass, boating and canoeing, kayak demos, 10 safety essentials to take hiking, volunteer opportunities. FMI: call Kathy Kahler at 465-9075 or visit www.mact.org.

9 to 10 a.m. — Bethel Library Association Perennial Plant

Sale on lawn next to the library, rain or shine. FMI: Michelle at 824-2520 (library) or 824-3275 (home).

Morning — Andover Community Cleanup Day.

9 a.m. to noon — Kids Fishing Day in White Mountain National Forest. Free fishing at Wildcat Pond with learning stations, contests, prizes and lots of fun. For kids 15 and younger, bring your own gear and an adult. Located at Wildcat Mountain Ski Area, Route 16 south of Gorham, N.H. FMI: call (603) 466-2713.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Book Sale at Whitman Library, Bryant Pond. Donations of books gratefully accepted and may be left at the library or 15 Tyler Street, Bethel or by calling 824-0284.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Plant Sale by Homemakers Extension at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Route 5, Fryeburg. Plants, crafts, baked goods, raffle.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Yard Sale by Oxford County Republicans at the Nelson house, near Stoneham Rescue building.

9 to 12 noon — Volksmarch, in Lancaster, N.H., sponsored by SeaCoast Striders. Begins at parking lot of County Court House in Lancaster. FMI: e-mail MainStrayer@aol.com.

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Maine Conservation Camp will have camp representative on hand to showcase the camp programs at the Maine Conservation School on Lake Christopher in Woodstock. FMI: 665-2068.

1 to 3 p.m. — Book Signing of "The Legend of Grey Ghost and Other Tales from the Maine Woods," by Tom and Steve Remington at West Paris Library.

June 5 and 6

Scenic Heritage Boat Tours, Berlin, N.H., sponsored by Northern Forest Heritage Park, 961 Main Street (603) 752-7202 or heritage@ncia.net. Adults, \$10; age 6 to 12, \$5; under 6 free.

Sunday, June 6

Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club's Annual Woody Allen Road Race sponsored by Norway Savings Bank. Family event for all ages. Check-in time: 8 a.m. with 9 a.m. start. Awards. Cost: One Mile Fun Run and Fitness Walk, \$7, and \$10 for 5K Road Race. Registration forms at Norway, South Paris and Oxford-Norway Savings Banks, Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce (743-2281) or write Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club, PO Box 174, Norway, ME 04268. FMI: call Bob Bizer (743-9303) days, or 743-6005 evenings.

8:30 a.m. — Paris Hill Country Club fundraiser. Chicken barbecue after golf. Trophies and live silent auction. FMI: 743-2371.

11 a.m. (kick off) — Old Port Festival, Portland, presented by U.S. Cellular.

1 p.m. — Apple Pie Contest, part of West Paris Old Home Days.

call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1:20 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Gale Toot at 836-2900.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Meets Tuesday in the conference room at the Mexico Congregational UCC ("The Green Church"), 153 Main Street, Mexico. Everything spoken and heard here is confidential. Anyone trying to cope with the loss of a loved one is welcome. FMI: call Sue Byam at 364-8185.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Wednesday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome).

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 p.m., Tuesday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to

FMI: call Betty Jones at 674-2507. 2 p.m. — Cody Michaels, New Hampshire native, will present a Piano Concert at St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$10 at door. FMI: call (603) 752-1028.

6:30 p.m. — Galiettas Concert at Praise Assembly of God, 170 Andover Road, Rumford. FMI: 364-3856.

Monday, June 7

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Hanover Polls open for voting at Town Office, 21 Ferry Road, Hanover.

2 to 7 p.m. — America Red Cross Blood Drive at Masonic Hall, Temple Street, Norway. FMI: (800) 482-0743.

Tuesday, June 8

5:30 p.m. — Supper/Dance at Locke Mills Legion Hall, Gore Road. Parisians will play for dancing until 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$6 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for under age 12.

6:30 p.m. — Telstar Alumni Association meeting at the school conference room. All alumni invited to attend.

Wednesday, June 9

11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club dinner/meeting at East Bethel Grange Hall. Cost of dinner: \$6.

5:30 to 7 p.m. — Mahoosuc Arts Council annual meeting at the home of Chairperson Chris Osten in Locke Mills. Interested members of the community invited to attend. FMI: call 824-3575.

Thursday, June 10

10 a.m. — Whitman Memorial Library (Bryant Pond) Book Discussion Group will have a poetry reading by John Allen. Public cordially invited.

7:30 p.m. — Bethel Historical Society Lecture: "Cross-River Ferries in 19th Century Maine," by David Chaplin. FMI: call 824-2908.

June 11-13

American Cancer Society's We Can Weekend at Geneva Point Center on Lake Winnipesaukee, Center Harbor, N.H. \$35 per family includes all meals and lodging. Registrations must be received by May 31. To register or for more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345.

Saturday, June 12

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Bottle Drive on Route 118, Waterford. For pick up call Jeff or Corinna Beebe at 583-2724 or Tom or Sam Murch at 583-2553. Proceeds benefit the ball field.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Yard Sale/Bake Sale by Summer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary at Summer Fire Department. Space is available for \$10 (bring own table and chair). FMI or to make food or unwanted item donations, call Wilda Dunham (388-2981) or Lana Pratt (388-2904).

At Maine Wildlife Park: members of ReMaine Wild will help



BRIDGET'S SCHOOL OF DANCE PRESENTS SHOW KIDS 2004 ON SUNDAY, JUNE 6 AT 2:30PM AT GOULD ACADEMY

Pictured left to right are: Morgan Carver, Tara Brown, Danielle Forkus, Beth Haines, and Kelsey Gamble

Saturday, June 19

Town of Newry children's annual trip to Storyland in Glen, N.H. Ages 4 thru 18 admitted free if the Newry Town Office (824-3123) is called before June 10 to sign up. \$16 for adults accompanying children. Group meets at gate at 8:45 a.m. sharp.

7 p.m. — Nathan Towne, Norway native will offer acoustic performance at Fare Share Commons, Norway. Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$3 for under 12 available at doors at 6:00 p.m. Seating limited. Spring water and snacks provided. FMI: 743-9808 or 388-2669.

June 18-20 Andover Bicentennial Celebration.

July 10 and 11

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Norway Sidewalk Art Show, part of Norway Summer Festival (July 6-11). Artists in all media invited to participate. Rain date: July 11. FMI or to receive application form, contact Norway Downtown Revitalization at 739-2215 or e-mail mainst@megalink.net.

July 10 and 11

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Saturday), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Sunday) — Western Maine Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Festival will be held at Crescent Park School, Bethel. Guided field trips to local mines both days leaving at 11 a.m. Hourly door prizes/grand prize drawn at end of show. FMI: contact Dennis Gross, 178 Main Street, Bryant Pond, ME 04219 or e-mail mincoll@megalink.net.

July 10 and 11

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Andover Service Circle at the CCB of Andover Congregational Church. Andover Bicentennial House tour scheduled for the afternoon.

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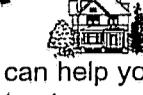
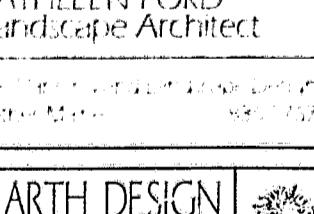
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The Mollyockett Day Treasure Hunt,

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Mollyockett was a Pequawket Indian who lived among and befriended the early settlers of Western Maine. Second only to her medical reputation as the great "Indian doctress," was Mollyockett's fame as a storyteller. She was a welcomed guest at many homes, and some of her tales were passed down through the generations. Most famous are the "treasure stories" - the burying of Indian gold in West Paris beneath a trap hung in trees, and similar tales involving White Cap in Andover and Hemlock Island in East Bethel.

The Mollyockett Day Treasure Hunt will commemorate those tales by offering a \$500 cash prize to the person(s) who finds the hidden treasure, in this case a medallion. The object of the hunt is to decipher a series of clues and locate the medallion hidden on public land somewhere in the greater Bethel area environs of Oxford County. The finder of the medallion may claim the cash prize on Mollyockett Day.

Clues, each different and more revealing, will be published once a week for six weeks in The Bethel Citizen or until the medallion is found. This year, Mollyockett Day takes place on July 17. If the medallion is not found by midnight, Friday, July 16, the hunt will be terminated.

Treasure Hunt Rules

Anyone is eligible to join the thrilling hunt for \$500 except employees and immediate family members of the Sun Journal and The Bethel Citizen and board members and immediate family members of the Mahoosuc Arts Council as well as all contest sponsors and partners. To claim the prize money, you must be 18 years or older.

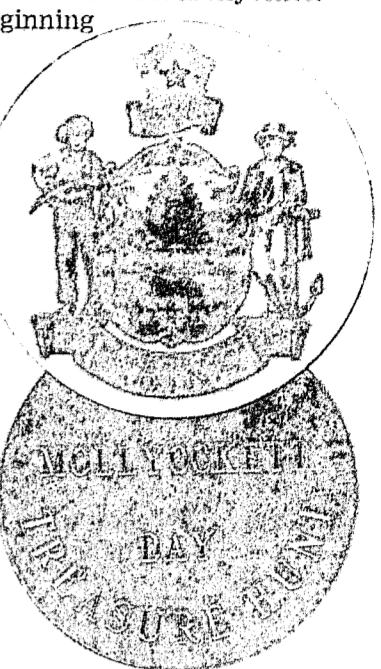


The finder of the Mollyockett Treasure Hunt medallion must immediately return the medallion to Vicki Rackliffe, executive director of the Mahoosuc Arts Council. The finder will receive the cash prize of \$500 on Mollyockett Day, July 19. Clues for the Mollyockett Treasure Hunt will be hidden weekly in the Bethel Citizen beginning Thursday, June 10, unless the medallion is found prior to publish date.

If the medallion is not found by midnight July 16th, the Mahoosuc Arts Council reserves the right to terminate the hunt. The medallion is made of aluminum and is approximately two inches in diameter. It will be hidden only on public land in Oxford County. The Mahoosuc Arts Council reserves the right to discontinue the hunt at any time if public property is destroyed.

The medallion is generally hidden in or attached to something else. The medallion is not buried below ground - as the rules state, searchers do not need to destroy property to find it, this includes digging up the ground. Searchers also do not need to risk personal injury to find the medallion. All contestants agree that the Bethel Citizen and the Mahoosuc Arts Council will have no liability whatsoever and will be held harmless of any injuries, losses or damages of any kind resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly from acceptance, possession, misuse or use of the prize or participation in this contest.

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The first article concerns possible enactment of an amendment to the Site Plan Review Ordinance which, if enacted, would redefine the process for appealing Planning Board decisions to the Board of Appeals.

The second article concerns possible enactment of an ordinance entitled "Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Municipal Officials" This article is a citizen initiated petition article.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to make comment, please forward these comments in writing to the Bethel Town Office
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The Bethel Planning Board will conduct a Site Walk and Public Hearing regarding the following Subdivision Application:

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Site Walk - Monday, 14 June, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. to be held at the location of the proposed development.

Public Hearing - Wednesday, 23 June, 2004 at 6:15 p.m. to be held in the Town Office meeting room.

The application proposes a 13-lot residential subdivision on the Swan Hill Road. The Planning Board invites public comment at the Public Hearing, which will be from 6:15 to 6:30pm immediately before the Planning Board Meeting. Information on the proposed subdivision is available for review at the town office.

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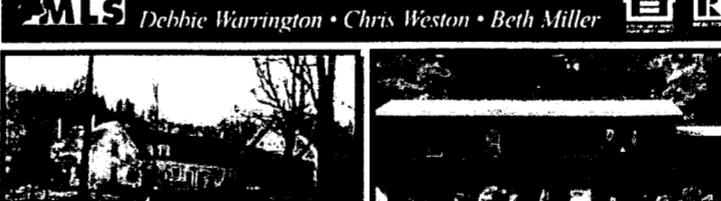
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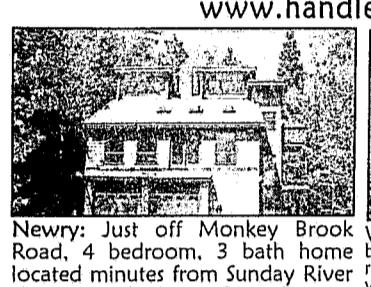
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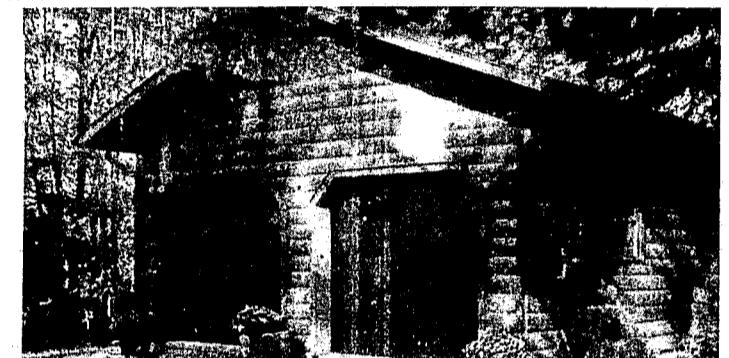
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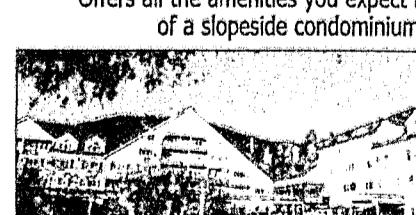
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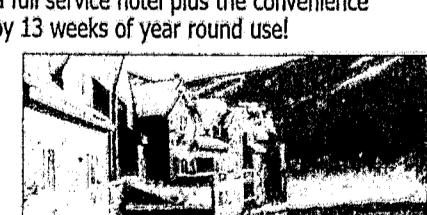
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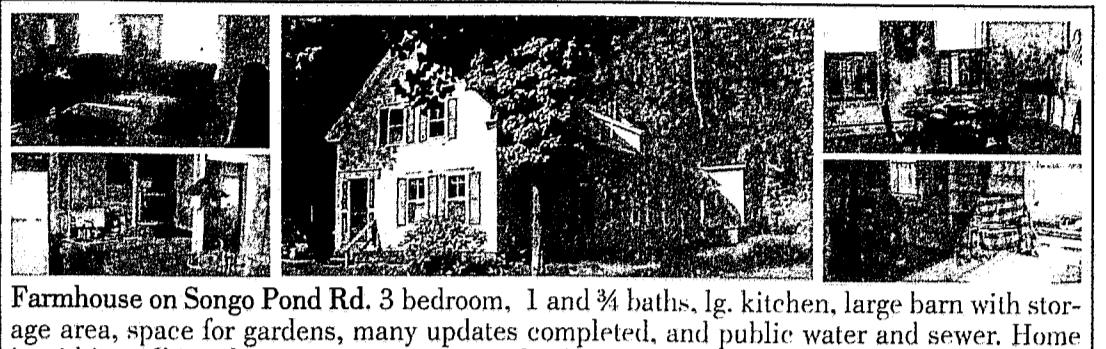
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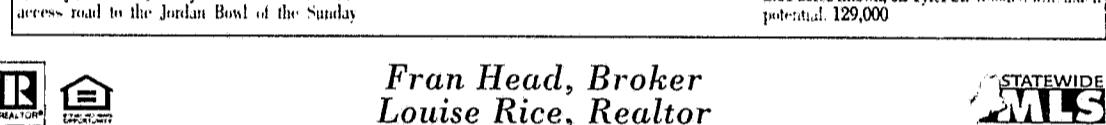
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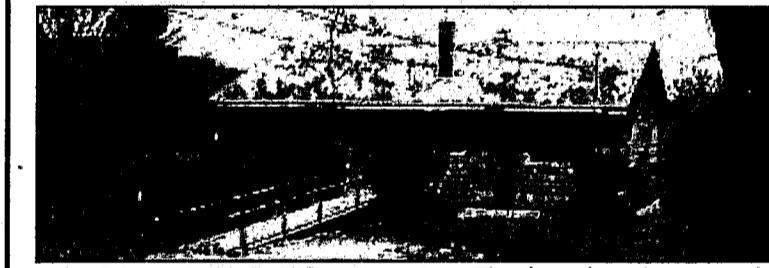
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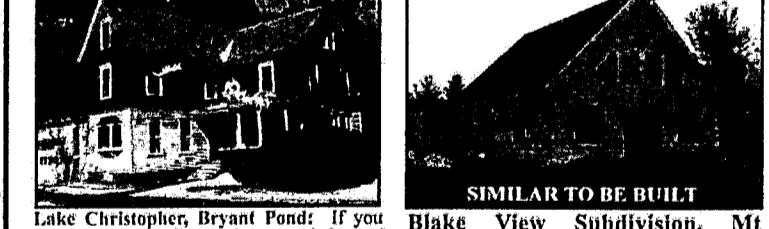
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Blackbrook Rd, Woodstock: Enchanting log ranch on a well landscaped, private & secluded 2.3 acre lot with views! You'll fall in love with the knotty pine walls, exposed beams, brick hearth and sunny glassed porch. Location is fantastic- directly on the way to Sunday River- and you won't find a cuter or cozier log home on the market! Must see at \$139,900


Harbor Rd, Woodstock: Three bedroom cape w/attached 2 car garage sits off of a quiet road. Relax in front of the beautiful stone fireplace or go outside for a bike ride with the kids. Property also has a fenced-in area w/ barn for horses. Ideal spot to raise a family; house sits on 2 acres and is just minutes to West Paris or Bethel. \$155,000


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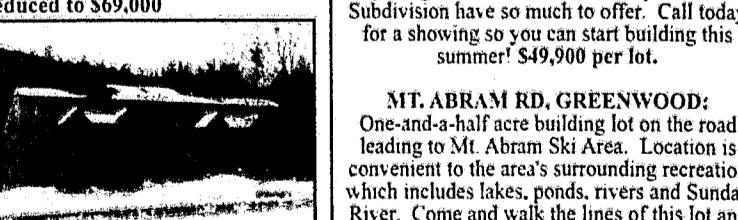

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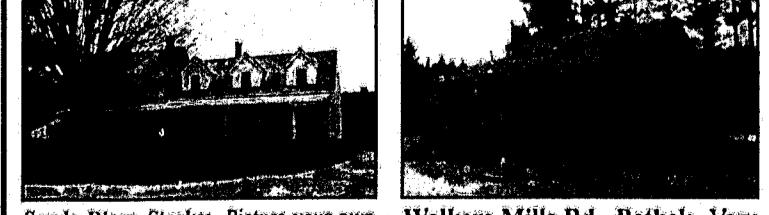

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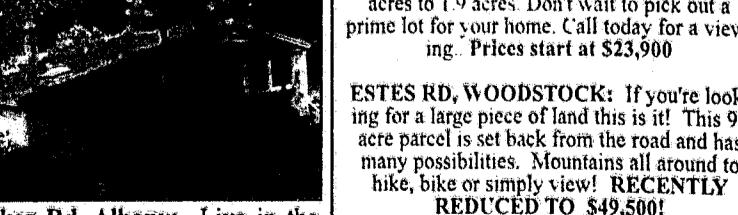

Pleasant St, Greenwood: Three bedroom farmhouse with lots of room, close to town, and minutes from Mt Abram Ski Area. Or, if boating is your hobby, this house is within walking distance to the public boat launch in Greenwood! Whatever recreational activity you prefer, this house is close to beautiful mountains, large lakes and sits on a quiet back road. \$112,000


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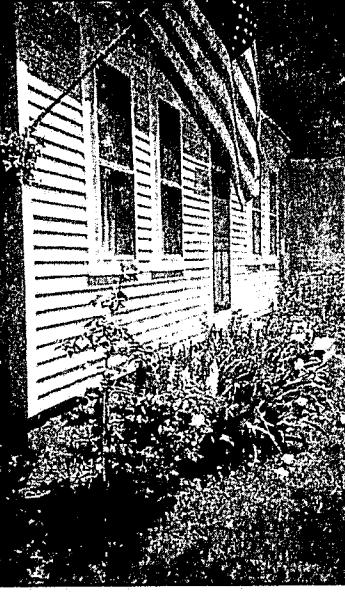
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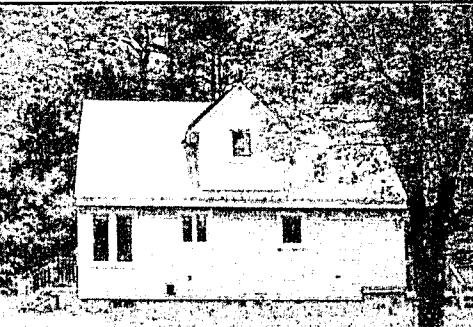
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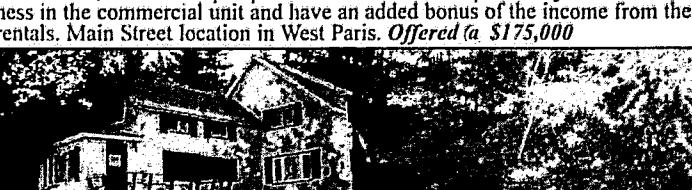
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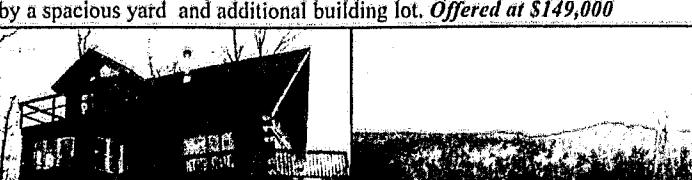
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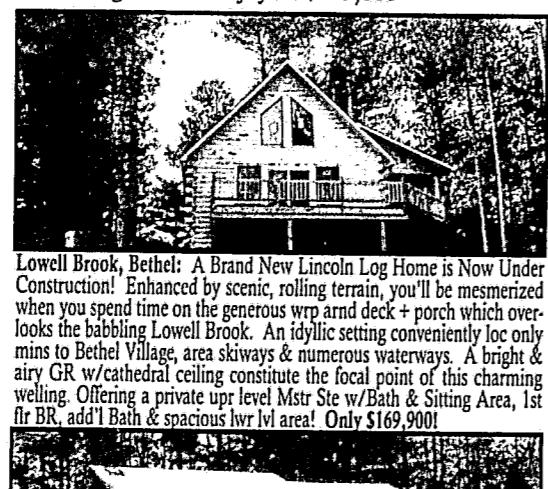
New Listing - Mt. Abram Village: An Adorable Retreat In The Midst Of This Quaint and Cozy Ski Resort Community is found in this eye-catching board & batten chalet! Enhanced by an extensive new wrap-around deck w/two sets of sliders to allow precious light to filter into its rustic beamed LR w/woodstove. Many improvements including a new roof, updated Kit, & a new Oil Forced Hot Water heating system. Imagine the fun gatherings to be enjoyed throughout the entire year! A Master BR, 3/4 Bath, & a very spacious 2-are Loft to accommodate your family & friends. A full Basement with add'l stove allows for expansion possibilities. A Beautiful Setting and Unpretentious Country Charm! \$154,900

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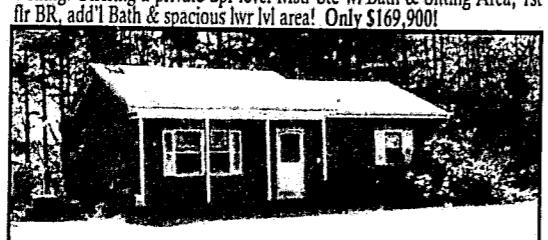
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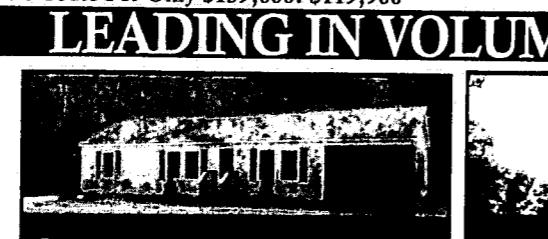
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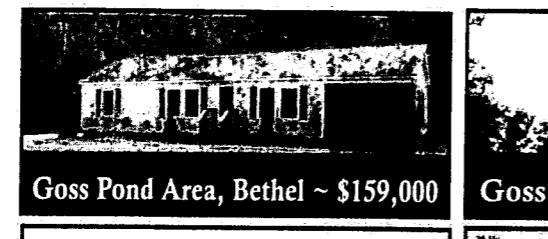
Lowell Brook, Bethel: A Brand New Lincoln Log Home is Now Under Construction! Enhanced by scenic, rolling terrain, you'll be mesmerized when you spend time on the generous wrap-around deck & porch which overlooks the babbling Lowell Brook. An idyllic setting conveniently located only minutes to Bethel Village, area skiways & numerous waterways. A bright & airy GR w/cathedral ceiling constitute the focal point of this charming dwelling. Offering a private up level Mstr Ste w/Bath & Sitting Area, 1st flr BR, add'l Bath & spacious lvr/lv area! Only \$169,900!



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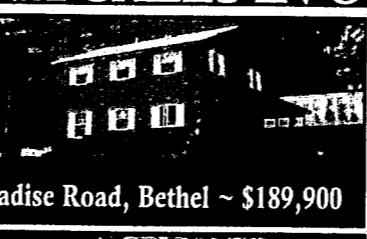
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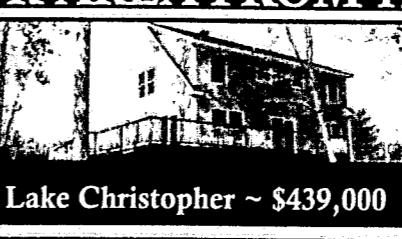
Goss Pond Area, Bethel ~ \$159,000



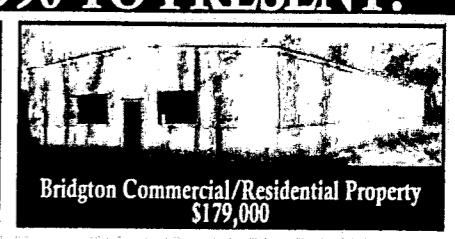
Goss Pond, Bethel ~ \$265,000



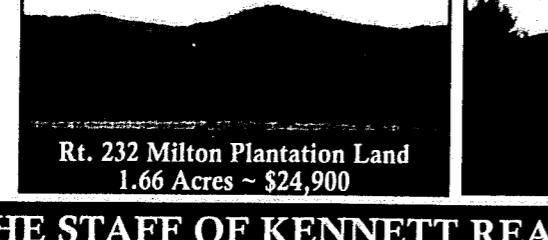
Paradise Road, Bethel ~ \$189,900



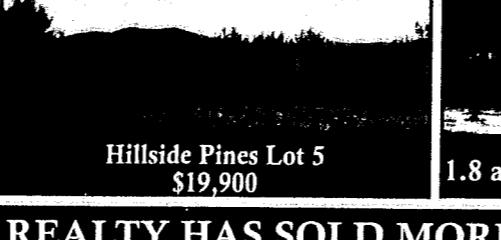
Lake Christopher ~ \$439,000



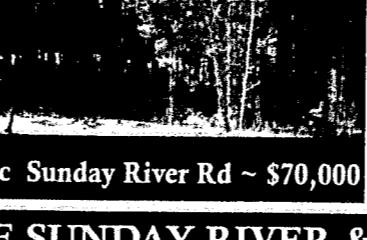
Bridgton Commercial/Residential Property \$179,000



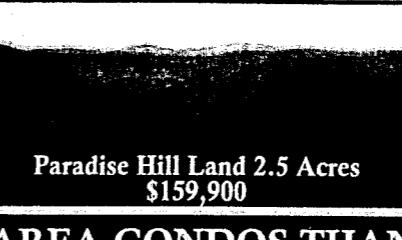
Rt. 232 Milton Plantation Land
1.66 Acres ~ \$24,900



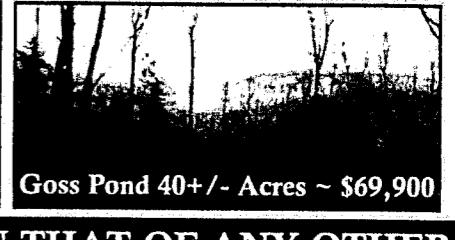
Hillside Pines Lot 5
\$19,900



1.8 ac Sunday River Rd ~ \$70,000



Paradise Hill Land 2.5 Acres
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Goss Pond 40+/- Acres ~ \$69,900

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Slopeside Home - Sunday River Village, Newry: This 4-Story P&B Home is sit'd in the most coveted of Villages at the Sunday River Resort. Close to ski trails & amen in a well est'd subdv on a 1+/- acre. You'll marvel at its open flr plan w/ large pdr work, inventive window treatments, parquet flr & professional craftsmanship. Showcasing a GR w/adj DR, 2nd flr 4 bedrooms, 5 BRs, 4th uppers, M Loft Area, 3 Baths, Game Rm, Hot Tub, Sunr Deck, Pools & Cranes & Cranes. The Ultimate in Accommodations Awaits! \$599,000

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Obituaries

RUTH MARLENE RICH

Ruth Marlene "Marty" (Rankin) Rich, 67, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died May 25, 2004 in her home receiving loving care from her family, friends and Hospice.

She was born in Hamilton County, Ohio to the late Elouise Hambrick and Woodson Rankin, both from Kentucky. She had one brother, the late William Joseph Rankin, Love-land, Ohio.

Survivors include her ex-husband, Ronald Lee Rich, St. Petersburg, Fla.; three children, James Blaine Rich, Pinellas Park, Fla., Robin Rich Mills, Bethel, Tracy Lee Rich, St. Petersburg, Fla.; daughter-in-law, Delores Ann Rich; son-in-law, G. Scott Mills; ex-son-in-law, Mark Raymond Mohon; two grandchildren; three step grandchildren and five step great-grandchildren.

She was a cancer survivor for the past seven years and was an extremely strong-willed woman. She loved music, dance, St. Patrick's Day and all people. She has left behind many loved ones, relatives, good family friends and fond memories for us all.

She was employed at McGraw Hill, Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio; Miami Township, Dayton Bar Association; Child Support Enforcement Agency, Tallahassee, Fla.; Greiner Engineering Inc./URS, Clearwater, Fla.; and the climax of her

career was with SKYCEI, in the administration, construction and grand opening of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge.

A special thanks to Pastor David Ross, Loveland Presbyterian Church, Loveland, Ohio and to David M. Dresner, M.D., P.A., St. Petersburg, Fla.

A "Celebration of Life" will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made in memory of Ruth M. Rich to St. Anthony's Health-care Foundation at 1200 7th Avenue No., St. Petersburg, FL 33705 or to Hospice of The Florida Suncoast at 300 E. Bay Drive, Largo, FL 33770.



ROY M. SIMMONDS JR.

Roy Milton Simmonds Jr., 82, of Greenwood, died in Norway on May 31, 2004.

He was born in Portland on March 13, 1922, the son of Roy and Harriet (Read) Simmonds Sr. and was educated in Portland schools and was a champion bowler.

Roy had served his country in the U.S. Marines during WWII in the Asiatic Pacific Area and was a member of the VFW. He worked as a mechanic most of his life having worked for Congdon transportation for many years and later for Henley-Kimball until his retirement in 1982.

Card of Thanks

Thank you for all the cards, notes, and thoughts from so many of you following the recent loss of my long time partner, best friend and wife, Hamako McIlroy. It was really gratifying to find that she meant so much to many of you. A special thank you to John, Kimmy and Lilly who were a major stabilizing influence during some hard days.

Jim McIlroy

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TOWN OF GREENWOOD WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 14, 2004

To Leland Kangas a resident in the Town of Greenwood in the County of Oxford

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Greenwood, qualified by law to vote in said town to meet at the Town Office (Multi-purpose Room) on Bird Hill on June 14, 2004 at 6 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to acquire, with certain owner stipulations, in behalf of the Town, a certain lot or parcel of land identified on the current town tax maps as Map U12, Lot 9.0, and to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept in behalf of the Town and to apply to the purchase all money donated to the town for the purpose, and to authorize the Selectmen to take and expend from town surplus the balance necessary to amount, with donated funds, to a total of not more than \$16,800 for the purchase price.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote anything to the contrary in Article 47 adopted on March 27, 2004 notwithstanding, to sell to a private individual a certain lot or parcel of land identified on the current town tax maps as Map R20, Lot 9.4.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote anything to the contrary in Article 47 adopted on March 27, 2004 notwithstanding, to sell to a private individual a certain lot or parcel of land identified on the current town tax maps as Map R20, Lot 9.0.

ARTICLE 5. Shall the town vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application for the following program and dollar amount: Program: Urgent Needs Amount: \$65,000 and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs. There will be a public hearing on Article 5 to answer any questions.

ARTICLE 6. Shall the town vote to take from money raised at the March 27, 2004 Town Meeting for the Comprehensive Plan funds required as a match to an Implementation Grant, to appropriate required local matching funds for the development of an Implementation Program, to authorize the selectmen to contract with the State Planning Office for the grant, and to authorize the selectmen to contract as necessary for materials and services needed to achieve the purposes of the grant. The appropriated matching funds remaining unspent at the end of each fiscal year shall be carried over and remain dedicated to the contract activity in subsequent fiscal years for the duration of the contract with the State Planning Office. Estimated amount of grant \$6,000 Estimated amount of local match \$2,000

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,914.00 from the Fund Balance as the town's 10% matching share of a FEMA grant. Requested by the Fire Chief

ARTICLE 8. Shall the town vote to increase the mileage paid from \$.30 per mile voted and approved at March 28, 2004 Town Meeting to \$.35 per mile. Requested by Fred Henderson and Ivan Roberts

The Registrar of Voters will be at the Town Office at 5:00 o'clock in the evening of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the list of voters. Fail not and have this Warrant with your doings thereon. Given under our hands this 18th day of May, 2004

Fred D. Henderson ~ Wayne E. Hakala ~ Ivan L. Roberts

Wedding

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Roy was an avid fisherman and hunter and especially enjoyed auto racing.

He is survived by his wife

Thelma (Crockett) Simmonds of Greenwood; two sons, Roy Simmonds III of Raymond and Gary Simmonds of Ottisfield; three daughters, Sharon Libby and her husband Edward of Scarborough, Sandra Simmonds of Yarmouth and Susan Groomer of Spencer, Ind.; one sister, Florence Lovett of Winter Park, Fla.; seven step children, Gladys and Robert Taylor of Gilead, David Chapman of Warren, Ernest Chapman of Gilead, Donna Corriveau and Steve Binette of Bethel, Robert Chapman of Milan, N.H., Susan and Scott Dutcher of Stormsville, N.Y., and Jeffrey Chapman of Gilead; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren.

At Roy's request, there will be no visiting hours. Grave-side funeral services will be held at the Riverside Cemetery, Bethel on Saturday, June 5, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Charles Mason officiating.

*God saw he was getting tired
And a cure was not to be;*

So he put His arms around him

And whispered, "Come with me"

With tearful eyes we watched him suffer,

And saw him fade away:

Although we loved him dearly,

We could not make him stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard-working hands to rest;

God broke our hearts to prove to us

He only takes the best!

In Loving Memory of Michael John McLean March 29, 2004

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Finally, the bridal party arrived by pontoon to the

island. Tyler Bennett, son of Dwayne, placed the movable dock on the boat, allowing Terrie Anne and her bridal party to exit onto the forest path that led to the small canopied grove where the wedding was to take place.

Heather Hale-Nivus and David Nivus, owners of Bethel's Good Food Store, catered the wedding.

Early in the morning, before the guests arrived, six staff

made three pontoon trips out to the island in 90 minutes,

ferrying a five-foot gas grill,

food, glassware, champagne,

and a delicate home-made wedding cake.

Once all the guests arrived

on the island they milled

about talking and laughing

with friends, awaiting the

bridal party arriving on the

last pontoon trip.

The guests gathered for the

wedding ceremony, sitting in

beach chairs, on fallen logs

or leaning against trees. As

Dwayne and the bridesmaids

and grooms lined up, Terrie

Anne made the short walk to

her husband-to-be on the arm

of her father, Tom Guay.

The Rev. Gwyneth Bohr, an

Episcopal priest, officiated at the wedding ceremony.

Numerous friends and

relatives read poems, read

from the Bible and gave their

blessings to the couple during

the ceremony. Wedding rings,

custom-made from Mt. Mann

Jewelry, were exchanged and

the couple joyously embraced

to celebrate their union and

to get warm.

A champagne toast was

given after the ceremony and

the reception began with the

building of a very welcoming and warm bonfire.

As photographer Carol Sav-

age of Greenwood started to

arrange the wedding party

for portrait shots, the brides-

maids and Terrie, holding

their beautiful hand-held

flower arrangements from

Pooh Corner Farm, began

to shake with the cold, their

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